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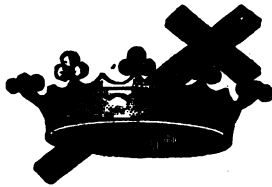
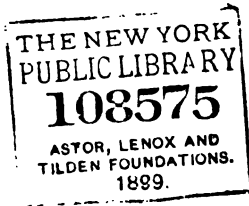
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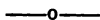


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WITH THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATES.

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DELEGATE—P. Henry.

ALTERNATE—S. Green.

ST. ALBAN'S, BOVINA.

DELEGATES—Thomas Kidd, Dr. Wm. Barr.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH HILL.

DELEGATES—James S. Johnston, Bisland Shields, M. D., B. F. Allein.

ALTERNATES—Robt. Cox, F. F. McCardle, Frank Fulton.

ST. PAUL'S, COLUMBUS.

DELEGATES—C. M. Cocke, L. M. Tucker.

ALTERNATE—J. W. E. Soady.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.

DELEGATES—Wm. Priestly, Robert Powell, Eugene Conway.

ALTERNATES—B. E. Jones, S. L. Mosby, J. R. Mosby.

HOLY INNOCENTS, COMO.

DELEGATES—N. R. Sledge, Jr., Charles R. Brown.

ALTERNATES—J. D. Wallace, James D. Ruffin.

HOLY COMFORTER, DRY GROVE.

DELEGATES—T. S. Dabney, Wm. T. Douglas.

ALTERNATE—Geo. H. Douglas.

ALL SAINT'S, GRENADA.

DELEGATES—A. C. Leigh, B. C. Adams, Jr., Wm. P. Towler.

ALTERNATES—C. T. Wood, J. M. Bishop, Geo. L. Austin.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS.

DELEGATES—T. W. Dabney, M. D., James Sims, Jas. H. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S, HAZLEHURST.

DELEGATES—Judge T. E. Cooper, T. J. Penn.

ALTERNATES—W. T. Dunning, John Taylor.

ST. ANDREW'S, JACKSON.

DELEGATES—Peter P. Bailey, D. P. Porter, G. D. Sidway.

ALTERNATES—S. E. Virden, W. S. Hamilton, O. Clifton.

ST. PHILIP'S, KIRKWOOD.

DELEGATES—R. B. Johnson, M. D., E. H. Anderson M. D.

ST. MARY'S, LEXINGTON.

DELEGATE—Robert K. Jones, M. D.

MEDIATOR, MERIDIAN.

DELEGATES—Geo. E. Redwood, W. Sayre.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MARSHALL COUNTY.

DELEGATES—J. G. Bailey, M. D., Ed. Keith.

ALTERNATES—G. E. Abernathy, R. A. Baird.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ.

DELEGATES—Jos. D. Shields, Wm. Dunbar Jenkins, Geo. M. Marshall.

ALTERNATES—Chas. Stietenroth, Francis S. Shields, Frank M. Swan.

TRINITY, PASS CHRISTIAN.

DELEGATES—Geo. N. Smith, M. D., Geo. F. Sherman.

ALTERNATES—Seth M. Thornton, Geo. P. Brandt.

ST. MARK'S, RAYMOND.

DELEGATE—H. Sivley.

ALTERNATE—G. C. Porter.

REDEEMER, SARDIS.

DELEGATES—W. A. Jones, Morgan Adams, M. D.

ALTERNATES—W. D. Miller, J. R. Dickens.

GOOD SHEPHERD, TERRY.

DELEGATES—Wm. M. Bracey, Wm. H. Fitzhugh.

ALTERNATES—Green F. Seal, A. D. Hester.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

DELEGATES—J. F. Baum, Frederic Speed, T. G. Dabney.

ALTERNATES—T. R. Roach, J. B. Brown, E. D. Farrar.

HOLY TRINITY, VICKSBURG.

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ALTERNATES—A. B. Pittman, R. V. Booth, E. S. Butts.

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ALTERNATES—A. Leffingwell, Geo. F. Smith, Ed. W. Jour.

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DELEGATES—J. C. Wheless, J. C. Purnell, Frank Hawkins.

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DELEGATES—J. W. Champlin, Alex. Smith, John Agnew.

ALTERNATES—Charles L. Hyatt, F. B. Champlin, H. T. Anderson.

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DELEGATES—Judge A. M. Clayton, Frank Long.

ALTERNATES—Lowndes Treadwell, Wm. W. Brewer, M. D.

ST. JAMES', PORT GIBSON.

DELEGATES—N. S. Walker, J. D. Vertner, A. J. Lewis.

ALTERNATES—Wm. Myles, M. D., A. K. Jones, R. W. Magruder.

GRACE CHURCH, ROSEDALE.

DELEGATES—D. C. Herndon, E. C. Field.

ALTERNATES—Frank M. Scott, J. Kucks Yerger.

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DELEGATES—W. P. Hughes, M. D., T. J. Aby, Chas. R. Byrne.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BOLTON.

DELEGATES—C. L. Robinson, William Cross.

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ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

DELEGATES—W. A. Archer, Geo. B. Lewis.

ST. AMBROSE' CHURCH, EDWARDS.

DELEGATES—Robert McLain, W. M. Penfield.

ALTERNATES—Alfred Fisher, Charles Mackay.

See Appendix for the Statistician's digest of the Journals, for name and number of Parishes and the date of their admission into union with the Council, from 1826 to 1880; the names of those Parishes which have been dropped from the list; the names of Parishes and Mission Stations which have become extinct.

Rules of Order.

The session shall be opened on the first day with full service, including the preaching of which shall be appointed by the Council, and the Celebration of the Holy Communion on the succeeding day with Morning Prayer.

When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue to stand up except to address the Chair.

A member absent himself from the session of the Council, shall be liable to attend.

When a member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall in the first instance address himself to the President, concerning the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without the leave of the Council.

When any question is put, the members shall be silent, and shall not hold any private discourse.

No member shall be in the Council when any question is put, unless he be personally interested in the question.

When a motion is offered as before the Council unless seconded, it shall be referred to writing.

When a motion is under consideration, no motion shall be received, to postpone it for a certain time, to amend it, or divide it—and motions shall be decided in the order herein named.

Motions to adjourn shall be decided without debate, and shall always be in order.

When a motion is appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered, it shall be decided without debate.

When a member is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, and shall not leave his chair.

When a motion is made, it shall be in writing, and shall be recommended by the Council, unless recommended by vote of the Council, or requiring any action or expression of the Council, it shall be accompanied by a resolution for the Council to consider.

When a motion contains several distinct propositions, it shall be decided at the request of any member, and a motion to strike out and insert be in order.

14. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate, but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without the leave of the Council.

15. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendments to such amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute for the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

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1. The first thing in order after the Council is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council for the ensuing year.

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }
MAY 12th, 1881.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, assembled at this place this morning, pursuant to appointment.

The Bishop and Clergy entered the Church in procession, singing the 424th hymn.

Morning Prayer was said by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Alexander Marks, of Natchez.

The Ante Communion service was said by the Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D.; the Rev. W. K. Douglas, D. D., reading the Epistle. The Rev. Wm. Munford, delivered the Sermon, his text was from John xiv, 16th and 17th verses.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., the Rev. Drs. Henry Sansom and W. K. Douglas, and the Rev. B. Halstead.

The Bishop and Clergy left the Church singing the 493d hymn as a recessional.

After an interval the Bishop of the Diocese entered, took the chair and called the Council to order.

The roll of the Clergy was then called by the Secretary of the last Council, and the following answered to their names, viz:

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. Wm. P. Browne, Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, D. D., Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. Benjamin Halstead, Rev. Emir Hamvasy, LL. D., Rev. Frederic A. Juny, D. D., Rev. Edmund C. Laughlin, Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. John B. Linn, Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. Melville M. Moore, Rev. Wm. C. McCracken, Rev. Wm. Munford, Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. Wm. Presbury, Rev. R. H. Prosser, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. Joseph W. Turner.

Rev. Oliver Wilson, not yet entitled to a seat.

The Chair then appointed Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Linn, a Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates, to whom such credentials were referred, and who reported the certificates in order from the following named Parishes. Delegates from which answered to their names, viz :

St. Luke's, Brandon—P. Henry.

St. Alban's Bovina—Dr. Wm. Barr.

Christ Church, Church Hill—James S. Johnston.

St. Paul's, Columbus—C. H. Cocke, L. M. Tucker.

Grace Church, Canton—Wm. Priestly, J. R. Mosby.

Holy Comforter, Dry Grove—Wm. T. Douglas, Geo. H. Douglas.

All Saint's, Grenada—A. C. Leigh, B. C. Adams, Jr.

St. Stephen's, Hazlehurst—Judge T. E. Cooper.

St. Andrew's Jackson—Peter P. Bailey, D. P. Porter, G. D. Sidway.

Trinity Church, Natchez—Joseph D. Shields, Charles Stietenroth.

Redeemer, Sardis—Morgan Adams, M. D.

Good Shepherd, Terry—Wm. H. Fitzhugh.

Christ Church, Vicksburg—J. F. Baum, Frederic Speed, E. D. Farrar.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg—H. F. Simrall, Murray F. Smith, G. W. Howard, M. D.

St. Paul's Church, Woodville—C. P. Neilson.

*Immanuel, Winona**—J. C. Wheless, J. C. Purnell.

St. James', Port Gibson—N. S. Walker.

St. Mary's, Bolton—Wm. Cross.

*St. Ambrose', Edwards**—Charles Mackay.

The Chair then announced that a constitutional quorum was present for the transaction of business.

On motion, the rules requiring all elections to be by ballot were by a vote suspended, and Peter P. Bailey, was, by acclamation, re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

The Secretary then announced that he had appointed the Rev. John B. Linn, Assistant Secretary.

The Rules of Order of the last Council, and the Order of Business, were read by the Secretary.

It was then moved by Jos. R. Shields that the rules of order, as published in the last Journal, be adopted as the rules of order for this Council.

Which motion was carried.

The Chair then appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON CREDENTIALS.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. J. B. Linn.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. B. Halstead, Rev. W. Presbury, A. C. Leigh.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. J. W. Turner, Rev. Wm. Munford, Rev. N. Logan, and Messrs. Frank Hawkins, and N. S. Walker.

*Delegates answered to their names at the opening of the Council, the Parishes they represent were legally admitted into union with the Council later in the services. See report of the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

ON FINANCE.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Messrs. E. D. Farrar, G. D. Sidway, Murray F. Smith, and J. D. Shields.

ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. W. K. Douglas, D. D., Messrs. P. P. Bailey, James S. Johnston, D. P. Porter, H. F. Simrall.

ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. C. McCracken, Rev. J. B. Linn, Rev. R. H. Prosser, Rev. E. C. Laughlin, and S. W. E. Pegues.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. W. P. Browne, and Dr. Wm. Barr.

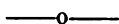
On motion of G. W. Howard, M. D., it was

Resolved, That Clergymen not members of this Council, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats in the Council, and that such persons who may be present, and shall accept this invitation, are requested to leave their names at the Secretary's desk.

Whereupon, the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D. of the Diocese of Tennessee, appeared and took a seat in the Council.

Rev. Joseph L. Tucker read an invitation from Judge and Mrs. Bailey, to the Bishop of the Diocese, members of the Council and Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and the families of each, to meet them socially at their residence on State street, to-night, immediately after the close of the services at the Church, which, on the part of the Council, was accepted.

The Council then took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.



EVENING SESSION.

The Council re-assembled at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. M. M. Moore, of Christ Church, Church Hill, and W. Dunbar Jenkins, a delegate from Trinity Church, Natchez, appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop of the Diocese being absent, the Secretary called the Council to order.

On motion of Rev. Alexander Marks, the Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., was called to the chair.

Peter P. Bailey, the Treasurer of the Council, then read his annual report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.*

The report of Treasurer of the Fund to meet the assessment made on this Diocese by the General Convention, was then read by Peter P. Bailey, and on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.*

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, was then read by Peter P. Bailey, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, and, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.*

The report of the late Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund, and a supplemental report, of the same Fund by Peter P. Bailey, was read by the latter named gentlemen, and, on his motion both reports were referred to the Committee on Finance.*

Geo. M. Klein, the Treasurer of the Diocese, then read his annual report, which was also referred to the Committee on Finance.*

On motion of Joseph D. Shields, it was

Resolved, That the rules which require all elections to be by ballot, be suspended, and that the Standing Committee be elected by a *viva voce* vote.

Frederic Speed moved that the present Standing Committee, consisting of Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D. Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. James A. Fox, Geo. W. Howard, M. D., and Peter P. Bailey, be re-elected by a *viva voce* vote, which was adopted.

On motion of Murray F. Smith, the rules requiring all elections to be by ballot were again suspended, and George M. Klein, the present incumbent, was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion, the same rules were again suspended and the present Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, substituting the name of Marcellus Green for the late John W. Robinson, were re-elected. The Board of Trustees so elected will consist of G. D. Sidway, Peter P. Bailey, and Marcellus Green.

*These several reports on the Finances of the Diocese, will be found in the Appendix to this Journal, to which reference is made for information.

On motion, the same rules were again suspended, and the present Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, Rev. W. K. Douglas, D. D., was re-elected by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion, the same rules were again suspended and the present Ecclesiastical Court, consisting of Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, D. D., Rev. Willard Presbury, and Rev. James A. Fox, were re-elected as such Court, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion, of Rev. Nowell Logan the same rules were again suspended, and the present Deputies and Alternate Deputies, to the General Convention consisting of

FOR DEPUTIES.

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| Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., | Peter P. Bailey, |
| Rev. Alex. Marks, | G. W. Howard, M. D., |
| Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, D. D., | E. D. Farrar, |
| Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., | Murray F. Smith. |

AND FOR ALTERNATES.

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| Rev. John B. Linn, | G. D. Sidway, |
| Rev. Benj. Halstead, | John Rawle, |
| Rev. Willard Presbury, | A. B. Pittman, |
| Rev. Wm. C. McCracken, | James S. Johnston, |

Were elected by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion of G. W. Howard, M. D., the same rules were again suspended, and Peter P. Bailey was elected Treasurer of the Fund for the Residence of the Bishop, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion of Rev. Nowell Logan the same rules were again suspended, and G. W. Howard, M. D., the present incumbent, was elected Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Mississippi, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion of the same, the rules requiring all elections to be by ballot, were again suspended, and the present Trustees of the University of the South, viz: Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., John Floyd King, and E. D. Farrar, were re-elected such trustees by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion, the same rules were again suspended and Rev.

Wm. K. Douglas, D. D., was re-elected Registrar of the Diocese, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion the reading of the report of the Standing Committee was, by a vote deferred until to-morrow.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, through their chairman, the Rev. B. Halstead, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted as the action of the Council, viz :

The Committee on the application of Parishes for admission into union with the Council of the Diocese, respectfully report, that they have examined the papers presented by the Parishes of St. Ambrose Church, Edwards, Hinds county, and Immanuel Church, Winona, Montgomery county, and find that these Parishes have been duly organized in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese, and with the Revised Statutes of the State of Mississippi, and recommend that they be received into union with the Council of the Diocese.

B. HALSTEAD, Chairman.

The Secretary then called the roll of the delegates to this Council from these Parishes, and the following answered to their names :

Immanuel, Winona—J. C. Wheless, J. C. Purnell.

St. Ambrose, Edwards—Charles Mackay.

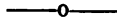
The Council then proceeded to consider the question as to where the next Council should be held. St. Andrew's, Jackson; Holy Trinity, and Christ Church, Vicksburg, were named and advocated as places wanting the Council at its next meeting—St. Andrew's, Jackson, was urged as a place for the permanent annual meeting of the Council, but the following resolution was finally adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Council be held in Christ Church, Vicksburg, on the Second Wednesday after Easter, A. D. 1882, being the 19th day of April of that year.

On motion the Council adjourned until to-morrow, (Friday) morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

At half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., of the first day, Evening Prayer was said in St. Andrew's Church, by Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, D. D., and Rev. Oliver Wilson. The sermon was preached by the

Rev. Emir Hamvasy, LL. D. The text was from St. Matthew, xxth chap., 26th and 27th verses. The concluding prayer and benediction was by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.



SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 1881.

The Council assembled at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M., as per adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. W. P. Browne, and the Rev. W. C. McCracken.

The Bishop of the Diocese took the Chair.

On the Council coming to order, the Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates. A quorum was found to be present.

The proceedings of the day previous were read and approved.

Geo. W. Howard, M. D., the Secretary of the Standing Committee, then read the annual report of that Committee, as follows:

*To the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
Diocese of Mississippi:*

The Standing Committee beg leave to submit the following report of their official acts for the past year:

Grenada, 24th April, 1880.—The Committee organized by electing Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., as President, and Geo. W. Howard, M. D. as Secretary. The Committee recommended that Rev. W. P. Browne, deacon, be admitted to the sacred Order of Priests.

Vicksburg, 20th June, 1880.—The Committee considered the Triennial Report to the General Convention.

Vicksburg, 10th March, 1881.—The Committee recommended that Mr. William Cross be admitted to the sacred Order of Deacons.

Vicksburg, 30th April, 1881.—The Committee recommended that John Augustus Harris be admitted as a candidate for Holy

Orders, and that Rev. Nowell Logan be admitted to the sacred Order of Priests.

GEO. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

VICKSBURG, 10th May, 1881.

The Treasurer of the University of the South read his report:

GEO. W. HOWARD, Treasurer.

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| To cash from Trinity Church, Natchez..... | \$25 00 |
| “ “ Grace Church, Rosedale..... | 4 50 |
| “ “ Christ Church, Holly Springs..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ All Saints' Church, Grenada..... | 8 00 |
| “ “ St. Paul's Church, Woodville..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ St. Andrew's Church, Jackson..... | 6 70 |
| “ “ St. James' Church, Port Gibson..... | 5 00 |
| “ collected by Geo. M. Klein, Treasurer of the Diocese of Mississippi..... | 93 00 |

Total.....\$152 20

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By amount remitted to Rev. Telfair Hodgson,.....\$59 20

“ “ “ by Geo. M. Klein, Treas..... 93 00

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Vicksburg, 21st May, 1881.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, as follows:

Bishop's Journal and Address.

1881.

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DEAR BRETHREN:

Another assembling of ourselves in Council brings us, once more, face to face with the solemn thought of our sacred responsibilities and opportunities. However pleasant it may be to us all, both Clergy and Laity, thus for a few days to mingle in social intercourse, to a serious mind an occasion like the present can hardly fail to present a kind of judgment day, in which conscience sits as arbiter, and our own thoughts either accuse or excuse us to ourselves. An Apostle tells us that it is a small thing to be judged of man's judgment; but it is a matter of the gravest moment to search and try ourselves, when called to look back over the labors and responsibilities of any period, whether it be of a day, or a year, or a life-time. May a merciful God, who knoweth our weaknesses, look with complacency, on the account of our respective stewardships now to be rendered in.

Before reviewing our own contracted sphere of labor, it may be for our comfort to cast our eyes over the wider field of our own and distant lands. The slightest glance at the condition of the Christian world is sufficient to show that it is one of general and unprecedented prosperity. While nation after nation is throwing open its doors to the reception of the Gospel, a like amount of advance and increase is to be seen where the Cross has already been planted; to which may be added the cheering fact that, among the variant denominations of our day there is springing up a desire for a unity based, not upon a religious sentiment, or

kindly feeling, but on the firmer ground of Catholic and Apostolic practice. The presence of Bishop Hertzog in our late General Convention was a tangible proof of the reforming spirit that is at work in the corrupted mass of the Papacy, with the hopeful prospect of it one day, leavening the whole lump. Our mother Church of England, though suffering from a spirit of insubordination among her Clergy and her unhappy entanglement with the State, is merely passing through a temporary ordeal, which, I trust, will only help to purge away her dross, without leaving the "smell of fire" upon her. And of our own Church what otherwise can we say than to thank God for the rapid increase of her numbers, and the love and unanimity prevailing among her members. The cry of party is well nigh silenced; and Bishops and Clergy and Laity seem resolved to strive together, as one man, for the one faith of the Gospel, and for its extension to other lands. Let me hope, dear brethren, that the evidence of a like zeal and a corresponding success, may be manifest when our last year's labors shall be reported to this Council.

Having directed your attention to the marks of prosperity and growth to be seen in distant lands and our own wide-spreading borders, let us now, with sorrowful but loving remembrance, turn our thoughts to the loss which, not a single Diocese only, but our united Church has sustained in the recent death of one of her most valued leaders, the Bishop of North Carolina.

Bishop Atkinson was a man gifted with an intellect and manner and disposition that fitted him for the highest rank in a cultivated community; and would have given him prominence in any profession which he might have chosen. He had taken a high position at the Bar, before he felt drawn to minister at the Altar. His ability and faithfulness as a Presbyter at once opened to him some of the foremost pulpits of the land, and soon led to his election to the Episcopate in 1853. That he was not only an able Bishop, but a true friend of all in his Diocese is fully attested by the deep and universal feeling with which they there mourn his death. Nor will his departure be less felt in the General Councils of our Church, where he stood among the foremost, and always on the side of right and truth. Let us hope that a successor

of equal worth may soon be found to take the ministry and Apostleship from which he has been called to his high reward.

In connection with this great loss sustained by a sister Diocese, and while thanking God that our Clerical list remains unbroken by death, we have to mourn sincerely the recent departure of one of our most prominent and useful laymen. In the death of John W. Robinson, long a vestryman of this Parish, not only his Pastor and immediate friends and associates, but a united Diocese mingles its regrets with the sorrows of his afflicted family. No man had the interests of the Church more at heart; and no officer ever was more faithful in the performance of such trusts as were confidently put into his hands. I pray God to raise up one equally able and willing to stand in his stead.

The following is the record of my imperfect labors since we last met together:

May 4th, 1881—At Iuka, on my way home from the Council, I preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized *three* children. On Sunday, the 23d, I again visited that small, but zealous little flock; preached both forenoon and evening; administered the Holy Communion and baptized *three* adults and *two* children.

May 13th—Transferred Rev. William T. Leacock to the Diocese of Louisiana.

At Woodville, July 11th, Bishop Adams, at my request, confirmed *five* persons.

June 8th—Transferred Rev. Joseph Cross, to the Diocese of Michigan.

Sept. 6th—At Tullahoma, Tennessee, I confirmed *four* persons, in the absence of the Bishop of that Diocese.

Sept. 30th—Accepted the transfer of Rev. Emir Hamvasy from the Diocese of Texas. On the same day I baptized *one* infant at Sewanee.

Nov. 7th—Baptized another infant at the same place.

The month of October was for the most part, spent in attendance upon our General Convention. Of the spirit which anima-

ted one and all of both houses of that body nothing less can be said than that it was the spirit of Christ. Greater unanimity could not well have been desired. Of its acts, it is difficult to determine whether more of true wisdom was shown in what was then done, or what was conservatively left for maturer consideration. Before I conclude, your attention will be directed to some of its more important resolves and recommendations.

One week after my return home, I set out on my Fall and Winter labors; determined, with the help of God, to spend seven months in a continuous visitation of the Diocese; and thus give from two to five days to each of our Parishes and Missionary Stations. This purpose was, no doubt presumptuously formed, inasmuch as it pleased God to "bring down my strength in my journey" ere one-half of it was accomplished.

My first visit was to Friar's Point, on the 11th of November, where I preached twice, and baptized *one* child. It is much to be regretted that the remote position of this village prevents it from uniting with any other in the obtainment of Missionary services. Our Church has "a few names" there, but chiefly among the women of the place.

November 13th and 16th—At Rosedale I spent four days, preaching twice, confirming *three* persons, and administering the Holy Communion.

17th—On the Steamer "Joseph Kinney" I baptized *one* infant.

18th–22d—I preached twice, baptizing *one* child, and confirming *three* persons in St. James' Church, Greenville.

Nov. 25th—Reaching Rolling Fork, by way of Vicksburg, I remained three days in sight of the appointed place of worship; but on account of a continuous rain, and an inconceivable depth of mud, neither preacher nor people were able to reach it.

This was no little disappointment to me, inasmuch as the misconduct of their late minister, his constrained departure, and the consequent disunited condition of the congregation demanded investigation and the promptest remedy. So disheartened were the people, that I found the lumber which had been got together for the building of a Rectory had, since my last visit, been sold,

and diverted to another purpose. Never had any Parish in this Diocese been organized under more auspicious circumstances; and never have the prospects of any been more completely clouded. But the sun will break forth again upon this people.

Dec. 3d—In Vicksburg I baptized *one* child in private.

Dec. 5th and 6th, were spent at "Diamond Place." On Sunday the 5th, so incessant was the rain that there could be no service in their small but plain and Church-like place of worship. On Monday, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Laughlin, I preached and confirmed *two* persons. There are here a very few members of our Church; and though diligently tended by Mr. Laughlin, there is not much prospect of increase.

Dec. 7th—I reached Grand Gulf, and was met by the Rev. Mr. Logan. We were prevented from holding any service, by the impossibility of reaching the place of worship, through the rain-water which had accumulated around it. Passing on to Port Gibson the same day, I baptized *one* child in the afternoon and preached next forenoon, confirming *one* person. The Church in this place has been sorely tried, within the last few years; but is already beginning to revive, under the zealous labors of the Rev. Mr. Logan.

Dec. 9th—Accompanied by Mr. Logan, I rode fifteen miles to the "Church of the Epiphany." This little flock consists of only three or four worthy families, the remnant of a once prosperous Parish. On this occasion, as usual, there were but few to meet me, and they so late in their attendance, that I began the service after 12 o'clock, with only three small boys and one smaller girl in the Church.

Dec. 11th—I was met by Rev. Mr. Moore at Rodney, who kindly conveyed me to his Parish at "Church Hill," where I preached on Sunday, the 12th, confirming *one* person.

The following Sunday, the 19th, was given to Natchez. I preached twice and confirmed *eight* persons. It was a real gratification to me to be able to spend five or six days in this Parish, as well as in that of "Church Hill." A more united, zealous, and active congregation than that of "old Trinity" is rarely to be seen.

And Christ Church, Church Hill, though stripped by our late war of much of its former wealth, continues, as ever, to form a pleasant stopping-place for its Bishop.

Dec. 18th—Transferred Rev. William DeHart to the Diocese of Vermont.

Dec. 22d-27th—Christmas day and the day following were given to Woodville, and the religious observances usual on Christmas day were deferred till the day following, which was Sunday. This was done to avoid the unpleasant mixing up of religious worship with the unmeaning and boisterous rejoicings of a Christmas festival. *Five* persons were confirmed—three in the Church and two in private.

Dec. 29th and 30th—My next visit was to "Waveland," on our Gulf Coast, where a Parish has recently been formed, and a Church built, nearly to completion. My arrival was rather unexpected; and so intensely cold was the weather (2° below zero) that no public service was attempted. *One* child was baptized in private. The Church building, though in an unfinished state, promises to be an ornament as well as a blessing to this small but enterprising community. A Clergyman who could conduct a school in connection with his pastoral duties might here find an ample support.

January 1st, 1881—I issued a Pastoral Letter to the Diocese on the subject of Missions.

Jan. 2d—I preached at "Pass Christian," baptizing *one* adult, and confirming *two* others. There has been a gradual decline in the condition of this Parish within the last few years. It is, at present, without a settled Pastor; and is dependent on such services as are kindly rendered by the Rev. Dr. Lewis, of the Diocese of Louisiana. Many traces remain of the good work of their former much beloved Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Savage, who but lately has passed to his reward. He was no less distinguished as a public-spirited citizen than as an instructor of the young and a faithful shepherd of Christ's sheep. Among all the Clergy with whom I have been either socially or officially connected, to none have I ever given more of my esteem and affection than to that wise and holy man, over whose grave Science has a just claim to mingle her tears with Religion.

Epiphany Day, Jan. 6th—This Holy Festival was passed at Mississippi City, where I preached, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed *two* persons, and united a couple in the bonds of matrimony.

At Biloxi I preached on the evening of the 7th, confirming *two* persons; and again on Sunday, the 9th, both forenoon and afternoon, when the Holy Communion was administered, and *seven* children were baptized. It was a renewed grief to me to see this steadfast little flock, as well as that at Mississippi City, without a pastor; a people rich in religious affection, though poor in the "Mammon of Unrighteousness." To a young minister who could be content with but little beyond the necessities of life and the love of his people, a more inviting field could not well present itself.

My next visit was to "Enterprise," where I preached on Tuesday, the 11th, and twice on the 12th, confirming *seventeen* persons. The number, as well as the standing and advanced ages of these candidates was no less a surprise than a comfort to my heart. To their pastor it was a justly merited reward; and must have been a cause of rejoicing, after his eight years of apparently unrequited labors for their good. A still further cause of thankfulness to me was in seeing that, since my last visit, they had erected and nearly completed a very becoming and Church-like place of worship, having no debt upon it, and with a congregation firmly banded together in its support.

Jan. 12th-16th—These five days were given to Meridian. I preached on Saturday the 15th, and twice on the following day the 16th confirming *four* persons. The Church building here like that at Enterprise is not quite completed; but will when ready for consecration, approve itself to all lovers of the simple and appropriate in Church architecture. This parish, together with Enterprise and Macon, constitutes the principal field of Rev. Dr. Hines' labors; and is beginning to prove to him that he has not been sowing his seed in vain. It is due to the wives, and mothers, and daughters of this Meridian congregation to state that, by far the largest share of the prosperity now dawning upon them is the fruit of *their* indefatigable labor. It is to the shame of our day that the minister of God, in his strivings for the good of the world, as well as

the glory of Christ has to look for his encouragement and support, not to the men who hold the purse-strings and fill high places, but to those whom they lightly, and undeservedly deem "the weaker vessel." Much of the future growth of our Dioceses as well as Parishes will depend upon the measure and extent to which our Clergy call into exercise the fingers and the pens of these mothers and daughters of our Israel.

Tuesday, Jan. 18th—At "Grace Chapel," assisted by Rev. Dr. Hines, I preached and confirmed *one* person. This is a small, but neat, and every way appropriate house of worship recently erected by Mrs. Giles, on her own premises, and for the benefit of herself and neighbors. Its services are not restricted to the ministers of our own Church, neither will it be thrown open to the indiscriminate use of all who assume to be teachers and preachers of religion. May the heart that designed this good work be abundantly gladdened by the fruit that shall grow out of it.

Jan. 19th—Acknowledged the transfer of Wm. Cross, a candidate for Orders from the Diocese of New York. *Wednesday, 19th*, at Scooba, I preached in the evening, confirming *two* persons.

Thursday and Friday, 20th and 21st, were spent in Macon. Such was the severity of the weather, and the condition of the streets, that with difficulty the people could get to the Church. Assisted by Dr Hines, I preached on both evenings and confirmed *five* persons.

The next six days, 22d–28th, were given to Columbus. Here I was rejoiced to find the Rev. Mr. Munford zealously and successfully at work, and the Parish generally in a prosperous condition. A new and very handsome rectory has been built since my last visit, the Church has been freed from debt, and its financial interests secured against future failure. On Sunday, 23d, I preached twice; gave the "Laying-on-of-Hands" to *eighteen* candidates; and assisted by the rector, administered the Holy Communion.

As Columbus was my place of refuge during our late war, and its Parish, for the time being, my pastoral charge, I may be excused for feeling a more than usual thankfulness at seeing as I did

both the city and Church apparently on the highroad to prosperity.

Friday, 28th—Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Munford, I visited "West Point," baptized *one* adult and confirmed *one*. The sermon was, at my request, preached by Mr Munford. Our Church can claim but few members in this place. For some time we have owned a large and very eligible lot; and I do not despair of ere long seeing a house of God upon it.

Jan. 29th to Feb. 1st—Aberdeen was my next place of visitation; I spent four days in this Parish, and found our people in good heart, notwithstanding they have been so long without a minister, and with no place for assembling themselves together. Their Church had so often needed repair, that it was thought better to unroof it and remodel it altogether. Until that work is completed they will hardly feel able to engage a minister. The Presbyterian place of worship, having been kindly tendered for our use, Rev. Mr. Munford preached Sunday, 30th, to a very large congregation in the forenoon, and I, at night. My only official act at this time, was to baptize *one* infant.

Feb. 2d—At Okolona, I preached in the evening; and next day baptized, *one* infant in private.

Friday, 4th—I reached Holly Springs, but in an exhausted and broken-down condition. Through three months of an unusually severe winter I had been wonderfully sustained; but now, the willingness of the spirit had to give way to the weakness of the flesh. No little self-command therefore was needed to enable me to preach twice and confirm a class here of *ten* persons. It was a real grief to me, to be thus prevented from visiting the congregation, as usual.

Tuesday, 8th—From Holly Springs I passed down to Water Valley, where for two days, I was confined to my room, unable to perform any service.

On the 10th I reached Oxford, where I was compelled to take to my bed, and endure a confinement of three weeks, under the nursing care, and boundless attentions of a beloved sister-in-Christ.* I was soon kindly visited by Rev. Dr. Pickett, who on

*Mrs. Thomas E. B. Pegues.

Sunday, the 13th, preached in my stead. As soon as my strength was measurably restored, I was constrained by the earnest advice of friends and physicians to return to my family, and indulge myself in perfect rest and quietness for a few weeks.

March 14th—Received the certificate of the Standing Committee recommending William Cross for Deacon's Orders.

March 23d—Received notice from John Augustus Harris of his intention to become a candidate for Holy Orders.

March 26th—Transferred Rev. J. W. Tays to the ecclesiastical authority of Western Texas.

March 31st—I set out to visit as many Parishes as my still feeble health would allow, before the meeting of our approaching Council.

April 1st—I reached Como, where I was met by the Rev. Mr. Hamvasy, who is in charge of this place and Sardis. On Sunday, the 3d, I thankfully found myself able, with the assistance of the rector, to preach, baptize *one* adult and *one* infant, and confirm *four* candidates. In the afternoon I baptized in private, *one* adult and confirmed *two*. It gives me much pleasure to state that the same generous individual* who a few years ago erected the beautiful place of worship in this village, is now about to place by the side of it a handsome and convenient rectory.

Tuesday, 5th—I preached at Sardis, in the evening, and baptized *one* infant. The next day, Mr. Hamvasy preached in my stead; and I was gratified at seeing how justly acceptable his services are here, as well as at Como.

August 7th-10th—My next visit was to Grenada, where I spent four days; preaching twice and confirming *eight* persons. This Parish continues in a prosperous state, notwithstanding the heavy calamity so recently laid upon it.

The 12th and 13th were given to Winona, where I preached twice and confirmed *four* persons. This promising Parish has, for some time been without a Pastor; but they are in daily expectation of one who has engaged to take charge of them. Their

*Col. N. R. Sledge.

rectory, which has for two or three years remained unfinished, has received the necessary additions, and is now in readiness to receive its occupant. (I am happy in being able to add, at this moment that their expected Rector, Mr. Oliver Wilson, has since arrived and entered upon his work.)

April 14th—At Vaiden I preached in the evening; and the next morning baptized and confirmed *one* adult.

April 15th—I this day received the letters dimissory of the Rev. Oliver Wilson, from the Diocese of Louisiana.

Saturday and Sunday, the 16th and 17th, were given to Canton. On the 17th, being Easter Sunday, I preached in the forenoon, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized *three* adults, and *three* children. In the evening, after getting through the service, I was unable to do more than to give the Laying-on-of-Hands to *five* candidates. This Parish is again without a pastor; though otherwise, in a healthy condition.

On Tuesday, the 19th, I preached in Brandon, confirming *one* candidate in the Church, and *one* in private. At night, the Rev. Mr. Browne preached in my stead.

Wednesday, 17th—I this day gave to Patrick Henry authority to act as "Lay Reader" in the Parish of St. Luke's, Brandon.

Thursday, 18th, being the day appointed for visiting Bolton, I was there met by Bishop Adams, who had kindly consented to assist me in the consecration of the Church in that place. The sermon was preached by Bishop Adams, and the neat and appropriate building was duly set apart to the service of God, by the name of "St. Mary's." In the services here, as well as those in Brandon, I was assisted by Rev. Mr. Browne, who ministers monthly at both places. In the evening I preached and confirmed *three* persons.

On the 22d I preached in Raymond and baptized *one* infant in private.

Sunday, 24th—I preached in Jackson, both forenoon and at night. In the afternoon I confirmed *one* person in private. A goodly number of others are expecting to receive that rite at this present Council. I was highly gratified, as usual, by my visit to

the colored Sunday-school of this prosperous Parish; but I was unable, from fatigue and exhaustion, to accompany the Rector in his services at the Penitentiary.

Monday, 25th—Assisted by Rev. Mr. Browne, I preached twice at Clinton, baptized *one* adult and *one* infant, and confirmed *two* persons. It gave me no little pleasure to see this Parish (St. Matthew's) so long dormant, waking up into a new life, and expressing a determination to do what it can towards obtaining the ministrations of the Church.

Tuesday, 26th—Assisted by Mr. Browne, I preached both forenoon and evening, at Edwards, and confirmed *four* persons. At the close of the evening services, due notice having been given, the members and friends of the Church organized themselves into a Parish by the name of "St. Ambrose," appointing Wardens and Vestry, and a delegation to represent them in this present Council.

Wednesday, 27th—I preached at Bovina, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Fox, and his assistant, Mr. Browne. *Four* persons were confirmed. It was a real pleasure to me to meet once more that venerable servant of God, Mr. Fox, now in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and the fifty-seventh of his ministry. Though residing nine miles from the Church, he is always at his post, if not prevented by stress of weather and growing infirmities.

Friday, 29th—Reached Yazoo City, where I remained four days preaching twice on Sunday, the 1st of May, administering the Holy Communion and confirming *three* persons. The next day, being the anniversary of the day of my birth, I was no little affected by the very kind manner in which the members and friends of the Church were pleased to celebrate it. And I was truly glad of the opportunity thus afforded me of meeting, face to face, and exchanging greetings with many whom I had only seen from the pulpit. Such manifestations of affectionate regard are to a Bishop more than a recompense for thirty-one years of visitation to a Parish.

Wednesday, 3d, to Tuesday, 10th—were spent in Vicksburg. On the 9th I confirmed in private a member of St. John's Parish, Lake Washington. On Sunday, the 8th, I preached in Holy

Trinity Church, confirming *five* candidates. In the evening I preached again in Christ Church and confirmed *sixteen* persons. Both of these Parishes are in a prosperous condition.

Monday, 9th—Received from the Standing Committee Testimonials in favor of Rev. Nowell Logan (Deacon) recommending him for Priest's Orders; and in favor of John Augustus Harris, recommending him as a candidate for Orders.

Tuesday, 10th—In the Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, I admitted the Rev. Nowell Logan (Deacon) to the higher Order of the Priesthood. I was assisted in the services by the Rt. Rev. Wm F. Adams, Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Rev. Messrs. Fox, Marks, Prosser and Browne. The sermon was preached at my request by the Rev. Mr. Marks, who together with Rev. Dr. Sansom, presented the candidate.

It will thus appear that since the meeting of our last Council, I have baptized *twenty-nine* children, and *twelve* adults, and have given the Laying-on-of-Hands to *one hundred and eighty*.

I have united *one* couple in Holy Matrimony; and appointed *one* additional Lay Reader.

I have admitted *one Deacon* (Rev. N. Logan) to the Priesthood.

Two Clergymen (Rev. Emir Hamvasy, from Diocese of Texas, and Rev. Oliver Wilson, from Diocese of Louisiana) have been added to our Clerical force, whilst *five*, who were on our last year's list, have been transferred to other Dioceses, viz: Rev. Messrs. Leacock and Jessup, to Louisiana, Rev. Joseph Cross, to Michigan, Rev. Wm. W. DeHart, to Vermont, and the Rev. J. W. Tays, to Western Texas. The Rev. James Foster was compelled to leave Rolling Fork; and his present residence is unknown.

Two names have been added to our list of Candidates for Holy Orders, viz: John Augustus Harris, and William Cross; the latter by transfer from the Diocese of New York. Orlando B. Batten has, with my approval, withdrawn his name. The list at present consists of Upton B. Bowden, Normand Harris, Wm. Taylor Douglas, Frederic A Juny, John Augustus Harris, Ed-

ward D. Juny, and Wm. Cross. Mr. Cross expects to take Deacon's Orders on the adjournment of our present Council.

Two Rectories have been completed; the one at Columbus, the other at Winona; and one begun at Como.

One Church building has been consecrated, viz: "St. Mary's," at Bolton. Four others, viz: at Sardis, Meridian, Enterprise, and Waveland are in various stages of completion; and will be in readiness for consecration at my next visit.

Two Parishes, recently formed, will apply to this Council for admission into union with the Diocese, viz: "Chapel of the Cross," at Rolling Fork, and that of St. Ambrose, at Edwards.

No changes have taken place in the respective positions of the Clergy of the Diocese. The Rev. Messrs. Hamvasy and Wilson are the only additions to their number; the former being in charge of Como and Sardis; the latter taking Winona and Vaiden.

Since we last met together, it has been my pleasure to give consent to the consecrations of three Missionary Bishops, viz; Rev. Geo. K. Dunlap, D. D., for New Mexico and Arizona, Rev. Leigh Richmond Brewer, D. D., for Montana, and Rev. John A. Paddock, D. D., for Washington Territory.

This may appear to many of you, brethren, as rather an inappropriate time for engaging in any enterprise which looks to the establishment of a new charity amongst us, and the creation of a permanent fund for its support. But it has long been my desire to see some provision made, by Canon, or otherwise, for the support, or relief of such Clergy as may hereafter become disabled, and reduced in circumstances while laboring in our Diocese. Such a work would, necessarily, be one of time; but one of accumulating growth from year to year, and one also that would lay no additional burthen upon any individual engaged in it. Instead of appealing, therefore, to the already heavily taxed abilities of the members of our several Parishes, I would recommend that the necessary funds be created by requiring that *one-tenth of the alms on every Communion occasion within the Diocese, be religiously set apart* for that purpose. This we may accomplish either by means of a Canon, or by a regular organization, acting under the direction

and control of our Council. You cannot fail to perceive, brethren, that a scheme like this, though small in its beginning, would at no distant time, become a store-house of plenty to many of our weary and worn out fellow laborers for Christ; while no man would feel the burthen, and God's best blessing would surely be returned upon the Diocese. I will say no more than to express the hope that this, I may say, *greatest of charities*, may make as strong an appeal to your hearts as it does to that of your Bishop.

By referring to the Journal of our late General Convention, page 143, you will see that this subject was heartily approved by both Houses of that Body, and earnestly recommended to the consideration of the several Conventions or Councils of our Dioceses. If this present Council, therefore, should prefer the more general plan therein recommended, before the adoption of one for the benefit of our own Diocese, I hope that we will at least, by way of resolution, express our hearty approval of this pre-eminent charity, so unanimously agreed upon, and so heartily commended to us by the assembled wisdom and authority of our Church.

I have received from the Secretary of our House of Deputies an official notice of the changes in our Book of Common Prayer proposed by our late General Convention; and now lay before you the resolution of the Convention relating thereto. It is for this Council to take such action upon the same as they may see fit.

I have further received a communication from the "American Church Building Fund Commission," established by our late General Convention. The object of the Commission is to create a fund of one million dollars, the income of which shall aid the building of new Churches in poor neighborhoods and Missionary districts.

It is proposed to form at least, one Auxiliary Association, or Committee in every Diocese, to secure annual offerings in the Churches, and by personal subscriptions. The importance and the need of such a work have been fully recognized by the denominations around us, who have carried it out with much benefit. I commend this good work to your wise consideration.

To those of you who were privileged to attend the late General Convention of our Church in New York, I need not say how

greatly that whole body was moved on the subject of Missions; and how much to our mortification it was there shown that, in that great work, our Church had not come up to the measure of her duty. Of the sentiments then unanimously expressed, and of the means recommended for the increase of our contributions I have not the time now to tell you. But I cannot refrain from expressing my earnest desire that, before we separate, some action may be taken to convince our brethren of other portions of our Church that we are in full sympathy with them in this work; and that, according to our ability, we will give it our help. A very moderate amount of self-denial will enable each Parish, and each individual of the Diocese to contribute for the future at least twice as much as has heretofore been given.

And here, permit me once more to urge upon you the necessity of doing something towards giving greater efficiency to the cause of Missions within our Diocese. As at present conducted the good that is done falls far short of what might be effected under a wiser organization, such as is known to many of our Dioceses. For eleven years the whole matter, from a slowness or unwillingness of our Council to legislate upon it, has fallen upon the Bishop's hands, who is now prepared to render in his account, and earnestly desires some other and more effectual disposition made of it.

Of our University, I am thankful in being able to state that it is in a healthy and vigorous condition, gradually increasing in numbers, and growing in favor in proportion as its superior advantages are known. Its Theological Department looks with confidence to our Diocese for a due portion of the support pledged by our Trustees, when it opened its doors to our candidates for Orders. No work of higher interest, no duty of stronger obligation, no enterprise more pregnant with future blessing could so worthily engage the attention of the people of our Diocese, either in their individual capacities, or as here represented in Council.

It may be expected, brethren, that I should again bring to your attention the subject of an Assistant Bishop, so much needed by our Diocese,—a need that increases from day to day, as age and infirmity make their encroachments on the life and labor-

power of your Bishop. It will be a grief to me, if necessity should compel me to lessen the number of my visitations. But should such be deemed advisable hereafter, your charity, I trust will set it down to the right account. I will only add that if the Council should deem it unadvisable to enter on the election of an Assistant at the present time, I would be truly gratified if they would put matters in such a train as to ensure an election at our next meeting. The pecuniary sacrifice demanded by such an object is in the power of our people, and I think would cheerfully be made by them under the instruction and assistance of our able Committee of Finance.

Begging an increased interest in your prayers, I now commend you, one and all, dear brethren, to the guidance and blessing of the spirit of Grace.

Your loving Bishop, under Christ,

W. M. GREEN.

On motion of P. P. Bailey, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the death of the late John W. Robinson, be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, to consider and report suitable resolutions expressing our sense of the loss this Church has sustained in the death of that most excellent layman, who for many years had been a faithful officer of this Diocese.

The Chair appointed Peter P. Pailey, G. D. Sidway, and J. F. Baum, the Committee on the above resolution.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the subject of Missions, be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, to consider and report on the same.

The Chair appointed as such Committee, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., and Frederic Speed.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the subject of the Church Building Commission, and Church Building Fund, organized by the Board of Missions of the General Church in the United States, be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair to consider and report on same.

The Chair appointed Rev. Alexander Marks, Peter P. Bailey and Wm. Priestly, as such Committee.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the subject of aid to the fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergymen, be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, to consider and report on the same.

The Chair appointed Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., George M. Klein and Jos. D. Shields, as such Committee.

The Chair also announced that he had appointed Rev. John B. Linn, Rev. M. M. Moore, and Peter P. Bailey, a Committee on the Prayer Book.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That the remainder of the Bishop's Address, with the exception of that portion referring to the election of an Assistant Bishop, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Alex. Marks introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council proceed during the present session to the election of an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

This elicited discussion, and it was then moved that the resolution be referred to a Committee of five, to consider and report upon the subject, but no vote was taken on that motion.

A motion was then made to lay this motion on the table, but this was withdrawn.

After further discussion of the original resolution it was moved by Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., that the resolution of Rev. Alex. Marks be referred to the Committee on Finance; but no vote was taken on this motion.

It was then moved by P. P. Bailey that the resolution relating to the election of an Assistant Bishop, be made the special order of the day immediately after reading the minutes to-morrow morning, but no vote was taken on this motion.

A resolution was offered by Rev. M. M. Moore, that the vote upon the question of electing an Assistant Bishop, be taken immediately after the re-assembling of the Council this evening, but no vote was taken on this motion.

Rev. Jos. L. Tucker, D. D., then moved, as a substitute for all the resolutions on the subject, the following:

Resolved, That this Council go into a vote immediately upon the resolution offered by Rev. Alex. Marks, on the subject of electing an Assistant Bishop.

Which was adopted.

The original resolution of the Rev. Dr. Marks then came before the Council and was carried by a *viva voce* vote. A division was called for and the vote stood ayes, 24, nays 17.

The Council then took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

At the hour of 8 o'clock, P. M., the Council resumed its session. The Bishop of the Diocese took the Chair and called the Council to order.

Rev. Benj. Halstead, Chairman of the Committee on new Parishes, made the following report:

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes, respectfully report, that the papers presented by the Parish of St Mary's Church, Bolton, are in due form according to the requirements of the Canons of the Diocese at the time of the organization of this Parish, and they recommend that it be admitted in union with the Council of the Diocese.

B. HALSTEAD, Chairman.

Which, on motion, was adopted as the action of the Council,

The Secretary presented the following Communication from the Secretary of the House of Deputies, of the General Convention, in relation to proposed amendments in relation to the ratification of the Book of Common Prayer, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.
To the Secretary of the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi:—

SIR:—In compliance with the requirements of Article 8, of the Constitution, I would hereby officially make known, through you, to the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, adopted by the General Convention of 1880, and to be finally acted upon by the General Convention of 1883, to wit:—

It was, by concurrent action (*vide* Journal of Convention, pp. 156, 157-159, 161, 162, 181, 182, 185-187, 188, 225, 251, 263, 273, 291, 292, 299, 300, 303, 316) of the two Houses of the General Convention of 1880,—

Resolved, That the Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer be amended so as to read as follows, and that such proposed amendments be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions,

in order that it may be adopted in the next General Convention, according to Article 8, of the Constitution:—

THE RATIFICATION OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

By the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in General Convention assembled.

The General Convention of this Church, having heretofore—to wit, on the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1789—set forth and established a Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, and thereby established the said book and declared it to be the Liturgy of this Church, and required that it be received as such by all the members of the same, and be in use from and after the first day of October, A. D. 1790; the same book is hereby ratified and confirmed, and ordered to be the use of this Church from this time forth.

But note, however, that on days other than Sunday, Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, it shall suffice if the Minister begin Morning or Evening Prayer at the General Confession, or the Lord's Prayer, preceded by one or more of the sentences appointed at the beginning of Morning and Evening prayer, and end after the Collect for Grace, or the Collect for Aid against Perils, with 2 Cor. xiii. 14, using so much of the Lessons appointed for the day, and so much of the Psalter, as he shall judge to be for edification.

And note, also, that on any day when Morning and Evening Prayer shall have been duly said, or are to be said, and upon days other than those first afore-mentioned, it shall suffice, when need may require, if a Sermon or Lecture be preceded by at least the Lord's Prayer and one or more Collects found in this book. *Provided*, that no prayers not set forth in said book, or otherwise authorized by this Church, shall be used before or after such Sermon or Lecture.

And note further, also, that on any day the Morning Prayer, the Litany, or the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, may be used as a separate and independent service, provided that no one of these services shall be disused habitually.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

CHARLES L. HUTCHINS,

Secretary of the House of Deputies.

MEDFORD, MASS., May 2, A. D. 1881.

The Secretary presented a communication from Dr. G. C. Shattuck, chairman of a committee of the House of Deputies of

the General Convention, on the subject of providing means to meet the expenses of Delegates to the General Convention; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates, reported certificates from St. Mary's Parish, Bolton, to be in order; whereupon, the Secretary called the name of the Delegates from that Parish, when Wm. Cross, one of such delegates, answered as being present.

Mr. D. P. Porter moved to reconsider the vote taken this morning adopting the resolution of Rev. Dr. Marks providing for the election of an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, which was adopted.

The Chair then announced that the question was again upon the original resolution offered by Rev. Alexander Marks.

Further discussion on the subject then took place, during which the chairman of the Finance Committee presented a schedule of assessments necessary for the support of two Bishops.

Mr. D. P. Porter called for a vote by Orders and Parishes, considerable discussion ensued, when the call for a vote by Orders and Parishes was withdrawn for a few minutes, and after further discussion was renewed.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Clergy—who voted 7 yeas and 12 nays.

The roll of Parishes and Lay Delegates was then called, when it appeared that a majority of the Delegates of seven Parishes had voted aye, and a majority of the Delegates of nine Parishes had voted nay. One Parish was equally divided.

The following is the vote on the resolution to go into the election of an Assistant Bishop:

Of the Clergy, the following named voted Aye:

Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. M. M. Moore, Rev. Wm. C. McCracken, Rev. R. H. Prosser, Rev. Jos. W. Turner.—Total Ayes 7.

Of the Clergy, the following named voted Nay:

Rev Wm. P. Browne, Rev. Wm K. Douglas, D. D., Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Emir Hamvasy, LL. D., Rev. Fred. A. Juny, D. D., Rev. E. C. Laughlin, Rev John B. Linn, Rev. Wm. Munford, Rev James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. W. Presbury,

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. Jos. L. Tucker, D. D.—Total Nays, 12.

The following named Parishes voted Aye:

LAY VOTES.

Christ Church, Church Hill—James S. Johnston.

Trinity Church, Natchez—Jeseph D. Shields, Wm. Dunbar Jenkins.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg—H. F. Simrall, Murray F. Smith, G. W. Howard, M. D.

St. Paul's Church, Woodville—C. P. Neilson.

Immanuel, Winona—J. C. Wheless, J. C. Purnell.

St. James', Port Gibson—N. S. Walker.

St Ambrose, Edwards—Charles Mackay—Total ayes, 7.

The following named Parishes voted Nay:

St. Alban's, Bovina—Dr. Wm. Barr.

St. Paul's, Columbus—C. H. Cocke.

Grace Church, Canton—Wm. Priestly, J. R. Mosby.

Holy Comforter, Dry Grove—Wm. T. Douglas, Geo. H. Douglas.

St. Andrew's, Jackson—Peter P. Bailey, D. P. Porter, G. D. Sidway.

St. Mark's, Raymond—G. C. Porter.

Good Shepherd, Terry—W. H. Fitzhugh.

Christ Church, Vicksburg—J. F. Baum.

St. Mary's, Bolton—Wm. Cross—Total nays, 9.

The following named Parish was divided :

All Saint's, Grenada—B. C. Adams, Jr., voting aye.

A. C. Leigh, voting nay.

The Chair decided that the resolution to go into an election of an Assistant Bishop, at this Council, was lost.

Mr. Geo. M. Klein, the Treasurer of the Diocese, asked permission to address the Council, which was granted; whereupon, he spoke upon the duty of Churchmen, the aid which women render to the cause of Christ, and the general condition of the finances of the Diocese.

The Council then adjourned until to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 1881.

The Council met at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to last adjournment. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Nowell Logan and the Rev. G. W. Turner.

The Bishop of the Diocese then took the chair and called the Council to order.

On motion of the Secretary of the Council the calling of the roll of members was dispensed with.

The proceedings of the day previous were then read by the Rev. John B. Linn, the Assistant Secretary, and on motion, approved by the Council.

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business call the attention of the Council to resolutions on page 52, of the Journal of 1880, relating to an amendment of Article VI, of the Constitution, and to page 47, of the same Journal, regarding the incorporation of Parishes.

W. P. BROWNE,
WM. BARR,

Committee.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, that the amendment of Article VI, of the Constitution, passed at the last Council and submitted to this for consideration, and referred to by the committee on Unfinished Business, be referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons. This motion was carried and the proposed amendment was so referred.

Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., Statistician of the Diocese, then made his report, which will be found in the Appendix to the Journal, to which reference is made for particulars.

Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., moved to drop the names of certain Parishes from the list of Parishes of the Diocese, which was adopted, (see page 22, Statistician's report.) The Statistician's digest of the Journal's of the Diocese, from A. D. 1826 to 1880, shows what Parishes have been admitted, and as now amended, what Parishes have been dropped from the list, and what

Parishes have been admitted into union with the Council at this session; which digest, thus corrected, will be found in the Appendix, page 17, and which will also show a proposed transfer of certain named Parishes to the list of Missionary Stations, and the recommendation that the words Church and Parish be dropped from the title of certain named Parishes and Mission Stations, and that the word Mission be substituted therefor.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved that the amendments proposed by the Statistician to sections 1 and 2, of Canon I, be referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons, which was adopted.

Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., moved that section 4, on page 23, of the Statistician's report relating to amendment of Canon I, be referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons, which was adopted.

The Rev. W. K. Douglas, D. D., introduced the following:

Resolved, That, whereas, no record appears of the admission into union with this Council of the Parish of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry, and, as the Journals of Proceedings in past years are defective, it is probable that this Parish was at some time duly admitted, that this Council recognize its right to representation, and that the Parish be regarded as fully admitted into union with the Council.

The above resolution was first referred to the committee on New Parishes, but afterwards withdrawn, and by a vote of the Council adopted, as the act of the Council.

Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., moved that the name of the Church of the Nativity, be changed to the Church of St. Alban's, Bovina, which was adopted:

Rev. Wm. Munford, from the committee on the State of the Church, made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee on the State of the Church have had referred to them reports from thirty-seven Parishes and Mission Stations, out of fifty-seven reported on the Assessment Roll for 1880, and 67 in the list of Parishes in the Journal of same date.

Many of these reports are exceedingly defective, and some so illegible as to render it a difficult matter to determine exactly their meaning. From these reports, however, the Committee,

in deference to what appears to have been the usage of past years, present the following statistics for the information of the Council.

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| Baptisms, | 302 | Confirmations,..... | 164 |
| Communicants, | 1822 | Offerings, | \$32,997 71 |

In the attempt to ascertain how far these figures indicate the condition of the Diocese, the committee is confronted with the problem, what constitutes the *Diocese*, or rather, what Parishes are and what are not in union with the Council? Taking the Assessment Roll as the basis, they find thirty-seven Parishes reported, and twenty not reported; but they find on the Parish list, as printed on the first pages of the Journal of 1880, thirteen Parishes and Stations more than on the Assessment Roll. They find four Parishes on the assessment roll not on the Parish list, and have received reports from two Parishes not on either list.

In view of these facts, the committee earnestly recommend that the Council take such action as in their wisdom they may deem best to determine and fix the *List of Parishes* in union with the Council, and to obtain accurate and reliable statistics, in the absence of which the committee deem it idle to attempt to give any view of the state of the Church in this Diocese.

The able report of our beloved and venerable Bishop has furnished you with all the information we have to give in regard to the Clergy list and candidates for Holy Orders; and to that we beg to refer you.

The report of the Treasurer reveals the deplorable fact, that despite the generous donation of the Bishop last year, and the consequent satisfactory settlement of our financial difficulties the Parishes are again in arrears to the Bishop's salary some \$135. In connection with this subject the committee submit for the information of the Council, a statement showing the indebtedness of the several Parishes to this fund for the last ten years, (from 1870 to 1880, inclusive,) amounting in the aggregate to \$9,323 67. These figures are compiled from the Treasurer's reports for those years, and though possibly not strictly accurate, are certainly sufficiently so to indicate clearly the necessity for some reform in the manner of making and collecting assessments upon the Parishes.

In the midst of much that is discouraging and perplexing, however, the committee find room to congratulate the Council upon the marked improvement in the attendance upon the present session; in the increased number present both of Clerical and Lay delegates, and the deep interest manifested in the proceedings of the Council.

God grant it may be an earnest of revived interest in the great work he has given us to do.

WM. MUNFORD,

For the Committee.

The items from the Parochial reports referred to in the above, from the committee on the State of the Church, will be found tabulated, with other items from other Parishes, and published in the Appendix to this Journal. The statement of indebtedness for the past ten years will also be found in the Appendix, in tabular form.

It was moved that Canon I, section 1, be amended as follows:

After the word adoption, in the last sentence of Canon I, section 1, add the following words: "with the charter or act of incorporation, with the assurance of their ability to contribute to the support of the Diocese."

The proposed amendment of Canon I, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., introduced the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, it is deemed better, and perhaps necessary that the title to real estate of the Church be held by a corporation which has no other purpose; and, whereas, the corporation recently organized under the name of the "Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property," of the Diocese of Mississippi, includes in its purposes the holding of real estate of the Church in trust; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the title of all Church property ought to be vested in said corporation, in trust for the use of the Parish, or for such other purposes as the donor may prescribe, and that the Registrar of the Diocese be enjoined to use all efforts in his power to persuade our Parishes to cause the titles to their property to be vested, in trust, in said corporation; and, furthermore, that the Bishop of the Diocese be earnestly requested to consecrate no Church, hereafter, the title to whose property has not been already so vested.

This preamble and resolution was first withdrawn, but afterwards re-submitted and referred to a committee of three, yet to be appointed, to consider the tenure of Church property, recommended by the General Convention, and to report to the next Council.

It was then

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the suggestions and recommendations of the Committee appointed by the General Convention upon the "Tenure of Church Property," and to report to the next annual Council of this Diocese.

The Chair appointed the following as that committee: Rev. M. M. Moore, Judge H. F. Simrall, and J. D. Shields.

Peter P. Bailey then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to prepare a form for the organization of Parishes, together with instructions as to what is to be done in forming such organization so as to have them comply with the law of the State as to corporate bodies, as well as the law of the Church, and publish the same in the Journal of this Council.

(See Appendix for form.)

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report suitable resolution expressive of the loss the Church has sustained in the death of the late John W. Robinson, beg leave to report :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the death of the late John W. Robinson, and to consider and report suitable resolutions expressing the loss this Council has sustained in the death of one who was so long a well-tried and faithful officer of the Diocese, respectfully present the following resolutions, and ask for their adoption:

Resolved, That this Council has heard with deep regret the announcement of the death of John W. Robinson, who, for many years was a faithful officer of the Diocese.

Resolved, That in his death the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi has lost not only a good officer, but a firm and able supporter of all of its missionary works, and a highly valued friend, whose loss is deeply lamented.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased, our sincere sympathy and commend them to the care of the loving Saviour, who alone can heal their sorrows.

Resolved, That the Secretary send a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

PETER P. BAILEY, Chairman.

The above report and resolutions were adopted by a standing vote of the Council.

Peter P. Bailey, in behalf of the Special committee appointed to report on so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Building Commission, and Building Fund, established by the Board of Missions last October, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Whereas, There was established by the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, in October, A. D. 1880, the "American Church Building Fund Commission," and the "Church Building Fund," the objects of which were to aid in building Churches in "the newer settlements of our growing country," by raising a permanent fund of one million dollars, within three years, the interest of which to be used as donations in aid of building churches, while the principal might be loaned on "Church property."

And, Whereas, Said Commission, so organized consists of all of the Bishops of the Church in the United States, ten Clerical, and ten Lay members at large, and one Clerical and one Lay member for each Diocese, thereby securing confidence in the plans and purposes of the Commission.

And, Whereas, The Board of Missions asks the earnest co-operation and pecuniary aid of every individual member of the Church, and particularly requests that at least once a year, during the next three years, the offerings of the people be especially asked and received in every Parish and congregation in the land towards the increase of the Church Building Fund; therefore,

Resolved, That it is hereby declared to be the duty of every rector of a Parish or minister in charge of a congregation or Missionary Station in the Diocese and of every Parish or Missionary Station, without a rector or minister in charge, to have a collection made in such Parish or congregation or Missionary Station, once every year for three years from October, 1880, in aid of said Building Fund, and that individual efforts be made in every Parish to collect funds for the same purpose.

Resolved, That all funds so offered, received or collected, be remitted to Lloyd W. Wells, the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in New York, and the amounts be reported to the Council annually, in the usual Parochial report.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint an auxiliary Committee on the subject of the Church Building Commission, and Building Fund, which Committee shall serve until the meeting of the next Council.

The Chair thereupon appointed the following named gentlemen as that committee, to-wit: Rev. Alex. Marks, P. P. Bailey, and Wm. Priestly.

The rule requiring all elections to be by ballot was, on motion suspended, and Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., was nominated

and unanimously re-elected Statistician of the Diocese, by a *viva voce* vote.

An invitation from the Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Jackson, to the Council to visit the Institute, and to appoint some one to deliver a discourse to the inmates of that institution on Sunday morning, which would be interpreted by the Superintendent, was read; whereupon, the thanks of the Council were returned for the invitation, and the same was accepted so far as to say that one of our number would deliver an address at the time named in the invitation.

Rev. W. K. Douglass, D. D., Registrar of the Diocese, made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons, and then withdrawn and referred to the committee of three on the Tenure of Church Property, already appointed, to act during the coming year, and report to the next Council.

The Registrar of the Diocese reports: As directed by the resolution of the last Council he has endeavored to ascertain the number of duly incorporated Parishes in the Diocese. He has twice during the past year addressed a printed circular to each Clergyman, and also to Wardens and Vestry of each Church whose name appears in the Journals with the subjoined result.

PARISHES REPORTED AS INCORPORATED.

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| Holy Trinity, Vicksburg. | St. Andrew's, Lamar. |
| St. Johns, Early Grove. | Trinity, Natchez. |
| St. Paul's, Woodville. | Christ Church, Church Hill. |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg. | Grace Church, Canton. |

PARISHES REPORTED AS TAKING STEPS FOR INCORPORATION.

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| St. Stephen's, Hazlehurst. | St. James', Port Gibson. |
| Epiphany, Claborne Co. | St. Andrew's, Jackson. |
| Our Saviour, Iuka. | Good Shepherd, Terry. |
| Holy Comforter, Dry Grove. | St Paul's, Columbus. |

PARISHES REPORTED NOT INCORPORATED.

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| Church of Redeemer, Biloxi. | St. Philips, Kirkwood. |
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No replies were received from:

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| St. Johns, Aberdeen. | Advent, Acona. |
| St. Stephen's, Batesville. | St. Alban's, Bovina. |
| St. Luke's, Brandon. | Grace, Carrollton. |
| Christ Church, Corinth. | Trinity, Crystal Springs. |

St. James', Greenville.
 Christ Church, Holly Springs,
 St. Mary's, Lexington.
 Nativity, Macon.
 Grace, Okolona.
 St. John's, Pontotoc.
 St. Marks, Raymond.
 Christ Church, Summit.
 Messiah, Shuqualak.
 St. John's, Lake Washington.
 Trinity, Yazoo City.

All Saint's, Grenada.
 Ascension, Hernando.
 St. Mark's, Mississippi City.
 Our Saviour, Osyka.
 St. Peter's Oxford.
 Trinity, Pass Christian.
 St. John's, Ripley.
 Redeemer, Sardis.
 St. Crysostom, Vaiden.
 Nativity, Water Valley.

In view of the probability that most of our Parishes have no legal existence your Registrar recommends the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a blank for the incorporation of Parishes and that it be issued to all Parishes not reported as incorporated.

He also proposes the following Canon, and recommends its adoption.

Resolved, That in Canon I, immediately after the words "two Wardens" (see § I, line 12) there be added these words:

"Who shall at once take steps for their own incorporation under the Laws of the State of Mississippi.

Also after the words, Articles of Association, insert the words "and of the act of incorporation."

Your Registrar also recommends a proposed Canon XIX.

No Church edifice shall be consecrated nor shall school buildings or other property be recognized as having relation to the Diocese until the title to such building or property shall be vested in the Wardens and Vestry duly incorporated, or in the Trustees of Church Property for the Diocese of Mississippi, to be held by them in trust for the use of the Congregation and the due fulfilment of the purposes for which the title to the property was obtained.

Respectfully,

WM. K. DOUGLAS.

Jos. D. Shields offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Statistician be requested to report to the next regular Council or sooner, if specially called for, the name and number of all the Parishes entitled to representation, and all the Clergy entitled to vote on the question of the election of a Bishop.

Rev. M. M. Moore offered the following resolutions and explanatory note, which were adopted as the action of the Council.

Resolved, That the various Parishes in this Diocese are hereby requested to appropriate the offerings taken hereafter in their Churches on Whit-sunday, to the purpose of purchasing theological books for the minister of the Parish.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—In adopting this resolution, and recommending this action to the Parishes in this Diocese, the Council has in view the serious inadequacy of the salaries of ministers to supply them with the necessary current theological literature which will enable them to preach intelligently and effectually to the people. An annual collection of this kind will provide many ministers with books they absolutely need, and which they can obtain in no other way. And there can be scarcely an instance where the congregation making these offerings will not reap a full and speedy return from such offerings.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to print the above resolution and Explanatory note, to be sent to the Clergy of the Diocese, who are hereby requested to read the same to their congregations on the Sunday preceding Whit-sunday.

The Council then, on motion, took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Council resumed its session.

The Bishop of the Diocese took the chair.

Rev. Alex. Marks, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, made the following report :

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Article VI, of the Constitution, respectfully report, that after considering the same, your Committee are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to adopt said amendment, and instead thereof, do recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article VI, of the Constitution, be not adopted.

And your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Constitutional amendment, to be acted on finally at the next annual Council:

Resolved, That Article VI, of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows :

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, and a Treasurer of the Diocese shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual

Council, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next annual Council. If any other person than a member of the Council should be elected to either of these offices, he shall be entitled to speak on any subject connected with his office.

ALEX. MARKS, Chairman.

The two resolutions recommended by the Committee in the above report were adopted.

Rev. Alex. Marks, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, further reported:

The committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom were referred the amendments to Canon I, proposed by the Statistician, by the Registrar, and by the Rev. Mr. Munford, would respectfully report that there is not time enough to get the Canon in shape and mature the subject for final action at this session of the Council, and would therefore recommend that the proposed amendments be referred to a Committee of three, to be elected by this Council, who shall sit during the recess, and report to the next annual session of the Council.

ALEX. MARKS, Chairman.

The recommendations of the committee in the above report were agreed to, and the subjects named in the report were referred to the proposed committee of three. Mr. D. P. Porter nominated as such committee, Rev. Alex. Marks, Judge H. F. Simrall, and Peter P. Bailey, and they were elected as such committee by a vote of the Council.

Rev. Alex. Marks, chairman of the committee on Constitution and Canons, made the following report:

The committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the new Canon IX, proposed by the Statistician would respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Canon IX, as proposed by the Statistician, be adopted, with the exception that section 2, shall read as follows:

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to send to each Parish, at some time previous to the 31st of December of each year, a form of Parochial report conformed as nearly as practicable to the form set forth in 1874 by the Secretary of the General Convention. He shall also send to each Mission Station in the Diocese a similar form, or one devised to meet the needs of the Mission Stations, or where Mission Stations are under the charge of a Missionary, he may send such form to the Missionary, one for each Station.

A motion was made to amend the above resolution, which was lost, and the resolution reported by the Committee was adopted by the Council.

Rev. Alex. Marks, chairman of the committee on Constitution and Canons, further reported :

The committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the new Canon X, concerning the Finances of the Diocese, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, would respectfully report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposed Canon X, concerning the Finances of the Diocese, be referred to the committee of three, to which were referred the proposed amendments to Canon I, with instructions to the said committee to report to the next annual Council.

ALEX. MARKS, Chairman.

The resolution recommended by the committee on the above report was adopted by a vote of the Council.

A motion to re-consider was lost.

On motion of Peter P. Bailey the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be, and he is hereby authorized to publish six hundred copies of the Proceedings of the Council in usual form of a Journal.

Rev. M. M. Moore offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That prior to the meeting of the next Council the Parishes of this Diocese are hereby requested to consider the propriety of electing an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, and that the Rectors and Vestries of the Church be requested to ascertain what means can probably be relied upon for the support of such Assistant Bishop, and also, that the information as above requested be supplied to the next Council by the said Rectors and Vestries.

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., chairman of the committee on Missions, made the following report :

The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of Missions, would respectfully offer, for the adoption of the Council, the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Council accept the plan which was proposed by the Bishop of Maine, and adopted by the General Convention, and earnestly recommend its adoption and practical operation in every Parish in the Diocese.

H. SANSOM, Chairman.

The above plan was to circulate subscription lists in every Parish in the United States, to secure aid for Missionary work.

The resolution recommended by the Committee in the above report, was adopted :

Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., chairman of the committee on Finance, reported that the Committee had examined and approved the report of P. P. Bailey, the Treasurer of the Council, for the Contingent Fund—also, his report of the fund to meet the assessment made by the General Convention for 1880—also, the report of the Trustees, G. D. Sidway and P. P. Bailey, of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property—also, reports of the Bishop's Residence Fund, made by the representative of the late Treasurer of that Fund, Mr. John W. Robinson—also, a supplemental report of the same fund, by P. P. Bailey—the committee had also examined and approved the report of Geo. M. Klein, the Treasurer of the Diocese.

The Committee reported the following assessment on the Parishes, Mission Stations, and Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the support of the Episcopate for 1881, and to meet the Contingent expenses of the Council, which reports and assessments were adopted by the Council as its act.

See Appendix for the Assessment and reports of the several funds of the Diocese, as approved.

The Rev. John B. Linn offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Council desire to, and do hereby render their sincere thanks to the Rector, Vestry and Parishioners, of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and to other citizens of the place, for many courtesies and kind attentions paid to them during their attendance at the Council, and for the efforts which have been made to make their stay here pleasant and agreeable.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to the several Railroad and Steamboat lines for courtesies shown to members and visitors to this Council.

Rev. M. M. Moore offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Registrar of this Council be requested to examine the past Journals of this Diocese to ascertain what resolutions are, in his judgment, to be regarded as permanent in their operation, and to submit the same to the next Council for its decision.

Rev. John B. Linn, chairman, made a report from the committee to whom had been referred the subject of the amend-

ments to the ratification of the Book of Common Prayer, proposed by the General Convention, to the effect, that this Committee ask leave to be continued, and to report at the next annual Council; which request was granted, and said Committee was continued for that purpose.

Mr. D. P. Porter offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to devise and propose a plan of organization providing for raising money for Diocesan Missions, and to report to the next annual Council.

The Chair appointed Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., and Judge P. P. Bailey, such committee.

Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the subject of the distribution of a portion of the Communion Alms to the relief of Infirm and Disabled Clergymen, be referred back to the Committee that has had the matter in charge, with instructions to report to the next annual Council.

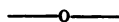
After prayer and the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the Council adjourned.

WM. M. GREEN, D. D., LL. D.

PRESIDENT.

Attest:

PETER P. BAILEY, *Secretary*.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }
SUNDAY, May 15, 1881. }

At 10 A. M., the Bishop of the Diocese ordained to the Diaconate, Mr. Wm. Cross. He was assisted in the services by the Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., the rector of the Parish, the Rev. J. A. Fox, Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. John B. Linn, Rev. Wm. Munford, and the Rev. W. K. Douglas, D. D., who preached the sermon, from I Tim., III-8. The candidate for Holy Orders was presented by the Rev. W. P. Browne.

APPENDIX.

REPORT
OF THE
Statistician of the Diocese of Mississippi.

MADE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE, MEETING IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, MAY 12-14, 1881.

To the Rt. Rev. President, and Brethren of the Council:—

Soon after the adjournment of the last Council I began the labor of collecting statistics, intending to tabulate and publish them, presenting the summaries to the Council, the minutiae of the items to the Finance Committee to aid them in their peculiar and most difficult task, and the same items, together with an outline of some of the deductions to be drawn from them, to the Committee on the State of the Church. I began thus early in the anticipation of finding it a year's work to gain any satisfactory fulness of information, especially from the smaller Parishes and Mission Stations. I had first to devise a system of blanks and determine upon the nature and number of questions to be asked. To this end I examined the Journals and Parochial Blanks of a large number of Dioceses, desiring to select the best attainable for ourselves. This search made it manifest that the statistical system of the Church, as a whole, is in a chaotic condition; although several Dioceses, notably Connecticut, have admirable methods of collecting and publishing returns. By a labor of over two months I constructed a form, by the union of what seemed to be the best features in several of those compared, by adding one or two series of items not found in any, and by grouping all the items in what seemed to me a more logical order under the heads of the Parish as it is—1st, in its Persons; 2d, in its Institutions; The official acts of its Priest; The Episcopal Acts; The Financial Exhibit, Cr. and Dr.; and Miscellaneous. I then sent printed copies to certain gentlemen, both clerical and lay, whom I knew to be interested and somewhat skilled in the matter of statistics, asking for criticisms. These were all so favorable that I felt that my

time had not been wasted. I refrain from quoting from these letters here, although fearing that my form may need defence ; and will only say that several correspondents urged me to bring the matter before the General Convention; in order that, if possible, the form might be adopted for the whole Church.

This form, however, is still defective, I think ; and needs the modifications that a longer experience in its use would undoubtedly show to be advisable. As it is intended for Parishes in full operation there should be a shorter form devised for Mission Stations, although this form would also do for them, if the person compiling the returns would simply skip all inapplicable questions.

The second part of the duty which devolved upon me was to send out these blanks and distribute them among the Parishes and Mission Stations throughout the Diocese. This I found to be a more arduous undertaking. The Clergy and more prominent Parishes and Mission Stations were easily reached, but it was exceedingly difficult to find correspondents in the more distant and scattered places. In some cases I was obliged to write from five to ten letters to different persons in other parts of the State, before I could get the name of a Churchman or Churchwoman in some one place with whom I could correspond. Letters to "Wardens and Vestry," and to Postmasters habitually failed ; I did not in a single instance obtain an answer. A few places mentioned in our Journals have baffled me to this day. I am convinced that somebody must live in them, but I cannot find out their names or learn of anybody else who can.

The third part of my duty was to get the blanks filled and returned to me ; and this I found to be more difficult and arduous than either of the other parts.

The Clergy and personal friends among the laity responded, some promptly, and all with a fair degree of promptness, except five or six of the Clergy, who have not paid any attention to my repeated circulars. From the laity I received some hundreds of letters, a degree and warmth of response which surprised me. Some of these were letters of rejoicing that "the Diocese had at last awakened from a long slumber and had begun to look after the scattered sheep;" the writers not realizing that if they had

seemed to be neglected, it was, in part at least, because they had neglected the Diocese. Others sent me careful and detailed statements of their condition, without, however, using the blanks; and a good many used the blanks so far as they were applicable, and sent me a statement besides. From several Parishes whose Rectors did not respond, I obtained returns more or less complete from laymen. These were necessarily imperfect, but seemed to be the best obtainable. From all sources I was enabled to make a report for the Standing Committee to present to the General Convention which was considerably more favorable than could have been made from the pages of the last Journal. That Journal gives a total of 1694 communicants, while my returns gave a total of 2441; a similar difference ran through all of the Parochial items.

The labor outlined above lasted nearly six months, leaving me little leisure for anything else except the most necessary part of my own Parish work. Before it was finished I mailed over a thousand circulars and wrote nearly three hundred letters, fully thirty of which were of considerable length, and expended directly and indirectly nearly a hundred dollars. This will demonstrate that the office of Statistician is not a sinecure if one be disposed to discharge its duties.

After some hesitation I concluded not to attempt to collect statistics this spring for the use of the present Council, for two reasons: First, that I thought it probable that the office of Statistician would be abolished at this session, and did not care to undertake so heavy a task uselessly. But my chief reason, without which the first one would have had but little weight, was that the statistical year ends so inopportunately. If that year ended at Easter, so that the clergy could make up their returns from Easter to Easter, then I could have two weeks time before the session of the Council, in which to compile and print my own returns for the use of the Council. A far better statistical year would be the civil year, from January to January. But, as custom had made the year end with the session of the Council itself, the probability was that many of the Clergy would make their returns to the Statistician at the same time that they made their usual reports,

and I would thus have been unable to give the Council any information that it did not already possess.

If I have been derelict in duty in this, I crave pardon of the Council; and will suggest that a Canon be passed making the statistical year coincident with the civil year, in order that there may be time for correspondence with small Parishes and Mission Stations, so that a full exhibit may be made at each Council of the condition of the Diocese during the preceding year. The four months between the first of January and the session of the Council give none too much time for this purpose. Should the Council determine to take this step and to continue the office of Statistician, I would further suggest that the ordinary reports as now made, be omitted hereafter.

With the permission of the Council I will now submit some observations of a more general nature.

Statistics are a great study by themselves, and in a skillful hand can be made of the utmost value. They are often decried by persons who have never learned how to use them; and it is sometimes asserted as against them that they cannot reveal the true and spiritual condition of a Parish, which cannot be reached by figures. Such an assertion, of course, reveals an unskilled or inexperienced critic; because statistics *can* be made to reveal the spiritual condition when used by one who knows what figures mean.

That this is true is shown by the fact that every Parish Priest judges of the condition of his own Parish by certain figures; as, for instance, the number who attend service regularly and habitually, or the number who come to Communion compared with his whole number of Communicants, or the number of children in his Sunday-school compared with the whole number of children in his Parish. If the attendance is large, he is encouraged; if small, he is discouraged. If the number who come to Communion gradually increase from a fifth to a fourth, and then to a third, and then to a half of the whole number of Communicants, he is justified in believing that his Parish is very prosperous and his ministry unusually successful. Such a result would be a plain and unmistakable indication of the blessing of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Were he to attempt to describe to a friend

in what particulars and to what extent his ministry was successful and his Parish prosperous, he would be obliged to cite these very figures in their proportions and averages and relations to each other. The fact that to most persons these figures are mental and exist as "impressions" rather than as visible numbers, does not alter the fact that they are really statistics. An unformulated truth is not any more a truth than a formulated one. A true "impression" is not less true when stated in the exact figures which, when unwritten, gave rise to the impression. The idea that statistics are useless because they cannot reveal the spiritual condition of a Parish, arises from a confusion of thought as to what statistics really are. They are, in truth, an exact and written statement of *existing facts*, and the questions intended to thus bring out the condition of a Parish should be so framed as not to omit any important data which would modify opinion. In reading the statistics one should be able to construct an opinion, very much as he would in beholding those same facts in being and action. However difficult this may seem to those who are unaccustomed to statistics, it is yet a matter familiar to every statistician.

For instance: There are certain averages which obtain generally, as that in an ordinary Parish in a fairly healthy condition from 15 to 25 per cent. of the whole number of Confirmed persons will attend a monthly Communion, according to the weather and the season of the year, say, as a general average, 20 per cent.; and from 5 to 8 per cent. a weekly early Celebration. If a Parish quarrel of any magnitude breaks out the 20 per cent. will drop materially, perhaps to 10, 12, or 15, according to the magnitude and virulence of the trouble, but the weekly Celebration will be very slightly affected. There is a deep lesson in this to those skilled to read it.

Where an ordinary average Parish reports a much larger number than 25 per cent. as an average attendance at Communion, the first presumption is that the whole number of Communicants is incorrectly stated; in that the person who made the statistics excluded those confirmed persons who do not commune from his list of Communicants. In such case we are all at sea as to the condition of the Parish, for, as there is no law for such exclusion each

man excludes according to his own judgment, and the judgment of scarcely any two persons will agree. It is, however, usually the case that from 20 to 40 per cent. of the whole number of confirmed persons will habitually refrain from Communion, and the statistician may usually add an average of 25 to 30 per cent. to an "expurgated" list to obtain the whole number of confirmed persons. If the Rector be one who discourages Communions immediately after Confirmation, he may add 40 or 45 per cent.

Another usual average is that from 40 to 50 per cent. of the whole number of children in a Parish, under fifteen years of age, (including infants) will be enrolled as members of the Sunday-school; and that the average attendance will be not more than 60 to 70 per cent. of these. The best efforts and best organization will rarely exceed these averages, except, perhaps, when a Rector has a peculiar genius for the Sunday-school. In truth, so well established are these averages, that any considerable error and any especial aptitude on the part of a Rector can be detected by a statistician almost as readily from the returns as by a personal inspection of the Parish itself.

Of course these averages are subject to modification according to the situation of the Parish, whether in a large city and its position in that city, or in a small town, or in the country; and from the personal factor in the statistical aptitude of the person making the returns. Notwithstanding all these, a fairly complete statistical return will exhibit to a practised eye a not unfaithful picture of the Parish itself.

This is also true as regards a Diocese. When a Diocese is in a depressed condition, financially or spiritually, and it is wished to ascertain the causes in order to apply a remedy, the first step is to ascertain the items of its condition. Every whole is built up of parts, and no one can have a true judgment of a whole thing unless he has a knowledge of its component parts. Thus, a person may be sent out to inspect the parts—the Parishes and Mission Stations—of the Diocese, and bring back his impressions. If he be competent he will form those impressions upon the unwritten statistics; that is, the *numbers* of persons he sees gathered together under certain circumstances in various places, and from what people tell him of average numbers that he does not see; from the

numbers of dollars that appearances indicate or that people tell him have been spent, or that are currently obtained to be spent, or that are due and weighing in the form of debt. He has no other data whatever than numbers of various sorts and kinds, grouped under various mental headings and in various relations to each other. If, on the other hand, he be incompetent, his impressions will be formed from the pleasantness of his entertainers, the personal consideration shown to himself, opportunities presented to display himself, æsthetic beauty or deformity in buildings, grounds, or music, in opinions he hears expressed, or his own condition of health or disease and consequent cheerfulness or despondency, *et cetera*. These, or somewhat similar things, are the only alternative from absolute facts, and absolute facts of a present condition can mostly be expressed numerically. When such an one attempts to give the grounds of his impressions he can reproduce only confused and fragmentary ideas in the minds of those who sent him, although they may adopt his general conclusions.

Statistics are simply these numbers expressed upon paper. When the items are skillfully prepared the judgment formed from them will not very materially differ as to the present condition—excluding past history and future expectations—from the judgment of a personal inspection. Such items in a good Parochial Report, should embrace what an inspector would see upon visiting a Parish, both in the Church, the Sunday-school, &c., and in its books; together with much that he would not find in the usual books of a Parish.

The great drawback concerning such a use of statistics is the difficulty of obtaining them. Many smaller Parishes, and most Mission Stations keep no records whatever; and I have known a case where the Rector of a flourishing Parish, although possessed of a Register, never made an entry of any sort therein; so that the Parish does not now possess the record of a single Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage or Burial during the whole period of his incumbency. I need not add that it would have been useless for any one to have applied to him for statistics. Furthermore, the Registers in common use are all exceedingly defective. Some of them give room for Families, Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Burials; but none have pages for Individ-

uals not in Families, Record of Loss, Dismissal and Removal, for Private and Public Communion, Sunday and Week day Services, or for a full statistical and financial summary of the condition of the Parish year by year; while the Family and other lists given are wholly lacking in any facilities for rapid and comprehensive analysis as to Age, Sex, Color, Time of Membership, facts of Baptism, Confirmation, &c. We usually form our ideas of what we ought to do upon the facilities within our reach. Lacking facilities we lack the idea of doing a thing. Hence, as a Rector has no facilities furnished him for making and keeping a constant analysis of his Communicants (for instance), it rarely or never occurs to him that it would be well to do so. The great blame of our defective Parish book-keeping should thus be charged upon the defective character of the books furnished us, as well as upon the fact that no instruction is given in the Seminaries as to any method of keeping even the books we have. To remedy this defect, or rather, that part of it within my reach, I have devised a Parish Register that is something more than the usual *record* of official acts of Priest or Bishop, commonly misnamed "Register," and have succeeded in inducing four or five Parishes in the Diocese to adopt it. This Register would enable any Rector using it to make exact statistical returns, each list fully classified, with full summaries of all kinds; with no more trouble than to turn over the pages of his Register and copy the figures contained there. It is, however, a great difficulty in the way of obtaining statistical returns that most Rectors, accustomed to our usual method of Parish book-keeping and perhaps a little careless in that, when reading over the many items of a good blank for a Parochial Report, feel confronted with an almost impossible task. It is perfectly natural that they should also feel a little impatient that such a new and onerous labor should be laid upon them.

A second difficulty lies in the fact that most of us are slow to appreciate the value of records. Were it not for the respect felt for Canon law probably not one Parish in ten would keep any records whatever, save those of the Vestry. I have found during the past year, a number of Parishes that could make no report owing to the lack of a Parish Register, and that declined to supply themselves with one. I would suggest in this connection, that

Canon I, "Of the Admission of Churches," be amended by inserting a clause requiring such provision to be made.

Another difficulty, and an insuperable one where it is met, lies in the fact that in any considerable body of men there will always be a certain per centage who are utterly lacking in the faculty of number.

Such a man may be very able intellectually; he may be a fine physician or lawyer, or a good preacher or Parish Priest, yet be unable to divide a number into different sets of constituent fractions, which fractions have certain relations to each other and to their total. The sense of number would seem to be as distinct a faculty of the mind as that of music or of "locality," and to be lacking in perhaps as many persons. We have probably all of us known persons whose ideas of number were always obscure, and whose statements of number always wrong; unless, indeed, by accident. Such a man, having but a confused perception of number, always undervalues the usefulness of statistics, because, to him, they are literally of no value. His mind can not perceive the relation between numbers and that invisible entity which we call the spiritual condition. Just as the man who lacks the faculty of music cannot receive or understand the sweet sadness of Schubert or the bright joyousness of Mendelsshon in certain of their works; or as the man who lacks "locality" loses the points of the compass and is easily lost. Such a man, when he comments upon statistics, commonly speaks of them as dry bones, and thinks them utterly useless for any real and practical purpose. Such a man, again, if he be a Clergyman, when called upon for any extended schedule of statistics of his own Parish, gazes helplessly over his congregation, and wonders how any one can be so impertinent as to ask how many individuals of them are of this kind and how many of that, how many of them do this or that thing and how many leave them undone. He does not know himself, never did know, never heard of anybody else's knowing, and sees no possible use in the knowledge if he had it. He does not know how to go to work to find out, and is not willing to be told. Naturally he supposes that the statistician is a man with a crank in his brain—like a barrel organ that plays only one tune and that mechanically—who does not deserve a serious answer, and

who ought not to be permitted to push into the busy moments of really practical men with his fine spun, laborious, and impracticable theories. When the statistician strikes a man like this the case is hopeless; the only recourse is to find a layman who is willing to attempt the task at the risk of a quarrel with the Rector. Two items of statistics are especially difficult to extort from men who have this mental peculiarity: namely, personal income and Church debt. In some cases it is intimated to the statistician or census taker, that he is making an unjustifiable search into private affairs. Such a feeling seems peculiarly absurd to all men who are compelled to deal with such matters, but as a distinct idiosyncrasy in human nature must be met, humored, argued with and overcome where possible; and where not possible must be ignored and dealt with as if it did not exist—that is, the desired information must be secured from any available source and published without consent where consent is withheld. The sensitiveness concerning these items seems peculiar when we reflect that the subject matter of them is already well known informally. The amount of a Clergyman's salary is known to almost every member of his congregation, so is the amount of the Parish debt. Every person who is asked to contribute directly towards either the one or the other has a right to know the full amount, and commonly does know it; and what a considerable number of people know cannot be concealed. Furthermore, even the persons who are sensitive concerning their own salaries or Church debts are not at all so concerning those of other people. The salary of every Bishop in the Church, for instance, is known to us all. We know or can easily ascertain the amount paid and the amount due, and we would smile were any Bishop to manifest a sudden sensitiveness on the subject and endeavor to have the items suppressed. So too, a Clergyman knows the salary of every person in his congregation who receives a salary, unless he has a genius for not knowing; and it probably never enters his mind that any one of the persons concerned could object to his knowing, or if so, that such objection was other than a weakness to be smiled at and humored. We have probably most of us seen lists of the Church debts and Clerical salaries as existing in nearly every large city in the country, and by looking into Diocesan Journals we can see

similar lists for whole Dioceses ; but who of us has ever thought of any impropriety in such lists, or that they were unjustifiable violations of personal rights—except, indeed, one who has become suddenly sensitive concerning his own salary or Church debt? We know the salaries of the President and the Cabinet officers, of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, of the Judges, and Marshals, and Post-masters, also of State Governors, Senators, Representatives, and almost all public officers, and an objection to the proper publication of these salaries in the official lists, has never been heard of. Furthermore, the salary of every Clergyman is actually publicly known, and there is nothing remarkable about it until he intimates directly or indirectly that he wishes it *not* to be known.

As regards Church debts a desire to conceal the amount is commonly supposed to be indicative either of this sensitive weakness, or of such financial weakness that a knowledge of the amount might frighten creditors into foreclosure, and so precipitate bankruptcy, or of something morally wrong about the debt itself. Or, as these three most probable causes may be tersely stated—sentimental weakness, prudential weakness and moral weakness. When in published reports this item is seen blank concerning a Parish known to be in debt, the usual supposition by men of the world, is that one of the two last causes induced the suppression. There are probably two or three instances of each of them to one of the first.

Sometimes where no objection is made to report a Church debt as a whole, a strong objection is made to the separating that debt into its constituent items, especially the amount of unpaid salary due to the Rector. That same Parish will usually not hesitate at all to report the amount due to the Bishop, although if there be any disgrace attached to either deficiency, it should be most strongly felt concerning an arrearage to the Bishop's salary; because the Rector may not be at all in fault about the former while it is a natural presumption that he is about the latter. The contrary feeling obtains probably because the Parish itself fixes the Rector's salary, while it is assessed for that of the Bishop; hence, it violates a contract in the one case, and supposes that it does not do so in the other. This is false reasoning; because the law and

custom of the Diocese are well known, and a Parish coming into union with the Diocese contracts to obey its law, and violates a contract by refusing. Besides, the Rector is on the spot to push his claims and the Bishop is not; and the Rector has the option of removal to another Parish, which the Bishop has not. The Bishop is helpless and has no recourse, therefore the obligation of honor is the greater and the disgrace of delinquency should be greater. In the case where a Rector shrinks from having it known that his Parish is in debt to him while he has no such delicacy for his Bishop, surely something is wrong about the delicacy. In a Diocese like this, poor and depressed, where society and labor have not yet settled into the new conditions made necessary by the great upheavals of recent years, it is a thing to be expected that there should be constant delinquencies in the discharge of purely voluntary obligations. There is truly no disgrace to the Clergy if the laity are unable to provide for them as both parties would wish. All over this Diocese, and in all neighboring Dioceses, the same condition obtains; and it is a rare exception where the income of any Parish, even the wealthiest and apparently most prosperous, meets its necessary expenses without straining.

Statistics show actual facts: we all know the facts informally, what is it but sentimentalism that we shrink from a formal and exact knowledge? It would not surprise any one of us to see in a correct list that the salary of every Clergyman in this State, in every Sect and Church, was partially unpaid. Such a formal statement would be simply the confirmation of what we knew before to be probably the case. Where is the disgrace? And if there be no disgrace why should there be a concealment from the proper authority; especially since that authority seeks simply to make record of existing facts, not to cast them to the winds for the secular public?

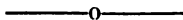
Our Diocesan Journals are not read by one in a hundred of even our own Church people. There is no especial publicity given to anything published in their pages, nor do we ourselves care enough about them to preserve them for binding, or even for reference, beyond a few years. And not one in a hundred of those who *do* read them ever look at the statistical tables, where alone are published the items of income and debt; unless, perhaps, here and

there some curious person may glance at the totals to see how the **D**iocese stands as a whole. Almost the sole use of those tables is **t**o enable the administrators of the Diocese to know the actual **c**ondition of things so that they may be able to concert wise **m**asures under a full knowledge of circumstances. To any person **a**ccustomed to the consideration of these facts, the reasons usually **a**dvanced for refusing to report the items referred to seem very **i**nadequate. I would further suggest that since this shrinking from the publication of unfavorable items does exist, it would be wise for the Clergy to utilize it rather than to share it and bend under it. It is certainly the case that Parishes and Vestries are often stirred up to discharge obligations when the publication of a deficiency becomes imminent. We see this yearly all over the Diocese concerning the Diocesan assessment. I have myself often heard the remark, "We must not let that get into the Journal." If a Vestry knew that a Rector was fearless and exact in his report of debt, and did not assume or fear that others would assume that it was his fault that his salary was unpaid, they would soon become as reluctant to have one kind of debt reported as another. A Rector can soon impart his own feeling about his salary to his Parish. If he himself thinks that an abler man than himself would be paid more promptly, his Parish will quickly catch the thought from him, and will pay him slowly because he is not abler. If he believes, or acts and speaks as if he believes, that his own ability or lack of ability has nothing to do with it, but that the business capacity of his Vestry, the executive talent of its financial officers and the loyalty of the Parish people are the true factors of the equation, he will soon send that feeling all through his Parish, to the great benefit of all concerned. When from a mistaken sense of delicacy Clergymen suffer all the methods and instruments of a good administration of their Parishes to lie unseen and unused within their reach, one cannot resist the feeling that their suffering is not wholly undeserved.

It is as absurd for a Clergyman to keep silent about his unpaid salary, as it would be to keep silent about a headache; and to deny (by implication) the fact, when asked by the proper authority, seems to the unsentimental man as foolish as it would be to deny the headache.

Such are your Statistician's views about the matters you have placed in his hands. To some such ends he must push his efforts if again made Diocesan Statistician. If the Council seriously disagree with the views here expressed, or if any considerable number of the Clergy object to the methods used, the Statistician begs that some other person be selected for the office, or that the office itself be discontinued—for no man can do good work with a cheerful spirit, if his own ways, his own objects, his own judgment of means be continually thwarted.

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An Amendment to Canon I, recommended by the Statistician, as referred to above.

RESOLVED: That Canon I, entitled "*Of the Admission of Churches*," be amended by expunging all of Sec. 1, after the words "and two Wardens", and the first and second lines of Sec. 2, and inserting the following:

"Who shall be Communicants of the Church. The Vestry thus chosen shall provide two suitable blank books, one of which shall be used to preserve the minutes of their own meetings, and the other to contain a Registry of the Parishoners and a Record of the Official acts of the Bishop and Clergy in the Parish. They shall appoint a suitable person to be Clerk, who, besides his ordinary duties as Clerk of the Vestry shall (until there be a Rector of the Parish) make and keep a Registry of the Parishoners under the headings, List of Families (including every member of each family), List of Individuals not in Families, and List of Communicants. The Clerk may correspond with the Statistician of the Diocese concerning this part of his duty; and it is hereby made the duty of the Statistician to furnish said Clerk with suitable forms for his Registry and Records, and to give him such information and assistance as the said Clerk may desire."

When this Registry is made the Vestry shall cause it, or a copy written from its lists, to be laid before the Council, together with the Articles of Association or a certified copy thereof, and the Council shall decide whether or not to admit such Parish into union with itself.

SEC. 2. Every Parish so organized, registered, and admitted into union, shall be subject to the control of the Council: and shall annually on Easter Monday, &c.

The Statistician further recommends, if the Council determine to continue the office of Statistician, that Canon IX be repealed, and the following adopted in its place.

CANON IX.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND THE DUTIES OF THE STATISTICIAN.

SEC. 1. The statistical year of this Diocese shall extend from the 1st day of January to and including the 31st day of December of each year, coinciding with the civil year; and the Parochial Reports shall be made immediately after the 31st of December, in each Parish and Mission Station, and sent to the Statistician of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to send to each Parish at some time previous to the 31st of December, of each year, a form of Parochial Report, conformed as nearly as practicable to the form set forth in 1874 by the Secretary of the General Convention. He shall also send to each Mission Station in the Diocese, a similar form or one devised to meet the needs of the Mission Stations; or where Mission Stations are under the charge of a Missionary, he may send such form to the Missionary, one for each Station.

SEC. 3. The Statistician shall keep a List of all Parishes and Mission Stations in the Diocese, and shall make record of all forms sent out and to whom sent, and of all reports received. On the 1st of each month following the 1st of January, or oftener if necessary, he shall send circulars to all Parishes and Mission Stations which have not made report to him, calling their attention to the omission; and shall make especial endeavor to obtain reports and statistical information from all points in the Diocese where Church work is being done, or where Church families reside.

SEC. 3. The Statistician shall keep a book or books, in which he shall record in tabular form the Statistical information thus obtained by him, with such notes as may seem to him proper to be made. He shall place this book or books before the Finance Committee and the Committee on the State of the Church, at the meeting of each Council, together with a statement of such items of information appropriate to the subject of deliberation of each Committee as may seem to him to call for special notice. He may be summoned by the Chairman of each Committee to attend the deliberations of that Committee and shall give such information in his department as he may possess.

SEC. 4. The Statistician shall furnish to the Treasurer of the Diocese, upon his application, any information in his possession which the Treasurer may desire. He shall also furnish to the Secretary of the Council, a corrected list of Parishes and Mission Stations, for publication in the Journal; and such other information in his possession as the Secretary may call for.

SEC. 5. The Statistician shall make a yearly report to the Council of the Statistical Summary for the whole Diocese for the preceding year, with a statement of his own acts, and of his receipts and disbursement. He shall furnish to the Finance Committee an estimate of his expenses for the current year, which amount shall be added by them to the assessment for the Contingent Fund, and shall be paid from that fund.

DIGEST OF THE JOURNALS
WITH REGARD TO THE
ADMISSION AND DROPPING OF PARISHES,
From 1826 to 1880.

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THE STATISTICIAN'S REPORT.
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The first Parochial organizations formed in the Diocese were those in Port Gibson, in 1820, Natchez, 1822, Church Hill, 1822, and Woodville, 1824. These four Parishes united in 1826, to form the Diocese of Mississippi.

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List of Parishes Admitted into Union with the Council.

| TOWN OR P. O. ADDRESS. | NAME OF PARISH. | DATE OF ADMIS'N. | DATE OF DROPP'ING |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Natchez..... | Trinity Church..... | 1826. | ..... |
| Church Hill..... | Christ Church..... | 1826. | ..... |
| Woodville..... | St. Paul's Church..... | 1826. | ..... |
| Port Gibson (see 1848)..... | St. John's Church..... | 1826. | 1841. |
| The Journals of 1830-1836 inclusive, are missing, but from many sources of information there appear to have been no admissions from 1826 to 1837, eleven years. | | | |
| Vicksburg..... | Christ Church..... | 1837. | ..... |
| Clinton..... | St. Matthew's Church..... | 1837. | ..... |
| Grand Gulf..... | St. Paul's Church..... | 1837. | 1881. |
| Laurel Hill..... | St. Mary's Church | 1839. | 1881. |
| Grenada, (see 1870 & '73) | St. Paul's Church..... | 1840. | 1842. |
| Columbus | St. Paul's Church..... | 1840. | ..... |
| Raymond..... | St. Mark's Church..... | 1840. | ..... |
| Holly Springs..... | Christ Church..... | 1842. | ..... |
| Jackson..... | St. Andrew's Church..... | 1843. | ..... |
| Pontotoc..... | St. John's Church..... | 1844. | 1881. |
| Lamar, Marshall Co..... | St. Andrew's Church..... | 1844. | ..... |

| TOWN OR P. O. ADDRESS. | NAME OF PARISH. | DATE OF ADMISSION | DATE OF DROPPING |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| St. Elmo, Claiborne Co..... | Church of the Epiphany..... | 1844. | ..... |
| Yazoo City..... | Trinity Church.. | 1846. | ..... |
| Hernando..... | Ascension Church | 1848. | ..... |
| Aberdeen | St. John's Church..... | 1848. | ..... |
| Canton | Grace Church..... | 1848. | ..... |
| Kirkwood..... | St. Philip's Church..... | 1848. | ..... |
| Ivanhoe, Issaquena Co*. | Church of the Crucifixion..... | 1848. | 1881. |
| Brandon | St. Luke's Church..... | 1848. | ..... |
| Lake Washington..... | St. John's Church | 1848. | ..... |
| Port Gibson, (2d time)..... | St. James' Church..... | 1848. | ..... |
| Pass Christian..... | Trinity Church..... | 1850. | ..... |
| Oxford..... | St. Peter's Church..... | 1851. | ..... |
| Holmes County..... | Calvary Church..... | 1851. | 1878. |
| Early Grove, Marshall Co..... | St. John's Church..... | 1851. | ..... |
| Okolona | Grace Church..... | 1852. | ..... |
| Washington, Adams Co..... | Church of the Advent..... | 1852. | ..... |
| Livingston, Madison Co..... | Chapel of the Cross..... | 1853. | ..... |
| Shuqualak, Noxubee Co..... | Church of the Messiah | 1853. | ..... |
| Annadale, Yazoo Co..... | St. John's Chapel..... | 1855. | 1881. |
| Monticello, Lawrence Co..... | Christ Church | 1857. | 1881. |
| Pikeville, Chickasaw Co | St. Thomas' Church | 1857. | 1881. |
| Mt. Albon, Warren Co†..... | Church of the Nativity..... | 1858. | ..... |
| Mississippi City | St. Mark's Church..... | 1858. | ..... |
| Shieldsboro, (Bay St. Louis)†† | St. Luke's Church..... | 1858. | 1881. |
| Biloxi..... | Church of the Redeemer..... | 1859. | ..... |
| Osyka..... | Church of Our Saviour.. | 1859. | ..... |
| Warrenton, Warren Co..... | St. Barnabas' Church..... | 1860. | 1881. |
| Hinds Co | Church of the Redemption..... | 1860. | 1881. |
| Carrollton..... | Grace Church..... | 1861. | ..... |
| Panola, afterwards Batesville... | St. Stephen's Church..... | 1861. | ..... |
| Summit..... | Christ Church..... | 1862. | ..... |
| No admissions from 1863 to 1866, inclusive. | | | |
| Chatawa, Pike Co..... | Gethsemane Chapel..... | 1867. | 1869. |
| Meridian..... | Church of the Mediator..... | 1867. | ..... |
| Dry Grove..... | Church of the Holy Comforter.. | 1869. | ..... |
| Terry**..... | Church of the Good Shepherd... | 1870. | ..... |
| Macon | Church of the Nativity..... | 1870. | ..... |
| Water Valley..... | Church of the Nativity..... | 1870. | ..... |
| Greenville'..... | St. James' Church..... | 1870. | ..... |
| Grenada, (2d time)..... | Grace Chapel.‡..... | 1870. | ..... |

| TOWN OR P. O. ADDRESS. | NAME OF PARISH. | DATE OF ADMIS'N. | DATE OF DROPP'NG |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Vicksburg..... | Holy Trinity Church..... | 1870. | ..... |
| Como..... | Holy Innocents..... | 1872. | ..... |
| Sardis..... | Church of the Redeemer..... | 1872. | ..... |
| Acona..... | Church of the Advent..... | 1872. | 1881. |
| East Pascagoula..... | Church of the Mediator..... | 1872. | ..... |
| Lexington..... | St. Mary's Church..... | 1872. | ..... |
| Hazlehurst..... | St. Stephen's Church..... | 1872. | ..... |
| No admissions from 1873 to 1879, inclusive. | | | |
| Waveland, (P. O. Bay St Louis)†† | Grace Church..... | 1880. | ..... |
| Rosedale, Bolivar Co..... | Grace Church..... | 1880. | ..... |
| Edwards..... | St. Ambrose Church..... | 1881. | ..... |
| Bolton..... | St. Mary's Church..... | 1881. | ..... |
| Winona..... | Immanuel Church..... | 1881. | ..... |

*Afterwards Yazoo County. **See Proceedings, Saturday morning.

†Afterwards St. Alban's Church, Bovina.

††Shieldsboro and Bay St. Louis are one town; Shieldsboro being the official Custom-house name, and Bay St. Louis the official Post-office name. Waveland would appear to be the name of a suburb or private estate near Bay St. Louis.

‡Name changed in 1873 to All Saints' Church.

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The Convention of 1841 passed a Canon to this effect: (Journal, '41, p. 8.) "Any Parish in this Diocese which has omitted, or shall neglect or refuse, to send a delegation or a report to the Convention for two successive years, may be considered extinct until it shall re-establish its connection by a new application to the Convention." This would perhaps have been a valuable law had it ever been enforced. In the following year one Parish was dropped and one admonished under its provisions; but after that it appears to have become a dead letter.

In 1844 the Church of the Holy Evangelists at Hernando, which had been preparing for admission, was reported by its Rector as extinct; every member having died or moved away, and the Church building sold for debt. In 1848 this Parish was revived under the name of Ascension, and admitted into union.

In the official lists of Parishes in union with the Convention as

given from time to time, the names of Parishes frequently appear which have never been admitted by action of the Convention or Council itself. Such names usually appear first in the Assessment roll, and would seem to have been transferred from there to the list of Parishes in union without investigation as to whether they had ever been actually admitted. Occasionally such Parishes have sent delegates who sat in the Convention or Council and voted—of course without authority. The only Parishes now existing coming under this head are the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Terry, Immanuel Church, Winona, and Trinity Church, Crystal Springs.

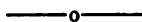
In 1865 the Committee on the State of the Church reported 44 Parishes in union with the Convention. There were actually 46 Parishes, but St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville, had been omitted (without authority) from the list last published, and the Committee probably had no certain data to guide them.

In 1867 the Committee on the Admission of New Churches reported adversely to the admission of Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa, as giving no evidence of permanency. The Convention, however, voted to admit that Parish, "notwithstanding the adverse report of the Committee." Two years afterwards the Parish disappeared. There appears to have been considerable looseness of procedure concerning the admission of New Parishes through the whole history of the Diocese. The study of the birth, admission and death of many of them led to the proposed amendment of Canon I, requiring a Parish applying for admission to present a copy of its register of members to the Committee on Admissions, to give that Committee some data upon which to form a judgment of its condition. It would perhaps be wise to require further that no Parish should be admitted that did not possess a Church building in which to hold worship, and a vestry of Communicants. Without some such Canonical provisions we shall probably go on admitting Parishes out of compliment, that will struggle through a few brief years, be continually delinquent in the payment of all assessments, continually call for missionary help, be a dead weight to carry, and finally die out altogether. It has been suggested that every Parish which asks for and receives money from the Missionary fund should be dropped from the list of Parishes and

enrolled as a Mission Station, and that all Mission Stations be entitled to send one lay delegate to the Council.

In 1868 a Committee appointed to revise the Parish List reported advising that the following Parishes be dropped; Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo county; Church of the Redemption, Hinds county; St. John's, Annadale; Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi; St. Barnabas, Warrenton; but no action was taken upon the report.

In 1873 the Church of the Holy Communion, New Town Landing, Warren county, was dropped from the List of Parishes in union with the Council; but it does not appear from any of the Journals that such Parish had ever been admitted or properly placed in the list.



Mission Stations.

In making out this list I have had unusual difficulties, in that there has never been an authorized list, or indeed any list except such as the Secretary of the Council could make from such data as chanced to be in his possession from time to time. There has never been any method of admitting Parishes or Stations as recognized Mission Stations belonging to the Diocese, there is no provision in either Constitution or Canons for their representation in the Council by lay delegates, nor has there ever been any officer such as a Registrar or Statistician, centrally located and easily accessible, whose duty it was to keep a list and give information. Consequently the list is in a worse state of confusion than even the Parish List. It seems to have been a custom, when a Clergyman reported that he had preached in a place, for its name to be immediately added to the list of Mission Stations, and an assessment placed upon it. As the assessments were never paid, after a few years the name was dropped and no more heard of. In the multitude of such names, many of them unknown to me and concerning which I could gain no information, I have often been at a loss which to select and which to drop. The following must therefore be taken tentatively, subject to revision.

PARISHES WHICH HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED IN COUNCIL AND PROBABLY
SUPPOSE THEMSELVES TO BE IN UNION THEREWITH.

Terry, Church of the Good Shepherd. Crystal Springs, Trinity Church.
Winona, Immanuel Church.

ORGANIZED PARISHES, OR MISSION STATIONS HAVING A CHURCH BUILDING
OR A PARISH NAME.

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| Ripley, St. John's Church. | Iuka, Church of Our Saviour. |
| Magnolia, Church of the Redeemer. | Vaiden, St. Crysostom's Church. |
| Rolling Fork, Chapel of the Cross. | Corinth, Christ Ch. or St. Jude's. |
| Brookhaven, Church of the Redeemer. | Bolton, St. Mary's Church. |
| Burtonton, Church of the Epiphany. | Woodlawn, Noxubee Co., |
| Johnsonville, Sunflower Co. | Immanuel Church. |
| West Point, St. Joseph's. | New Town Landing, Warren Co., |
| | Chapel of the Holy Communion. |

STATIONS REPORTED ONLY BY THE NAME OF THE TOWN.

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| Rodney, | Enterprise, | Scooba, | Kosciusko, |
| Edward's Depot, | McComb City, | Lauderdale, | Fayette. |

PLACES AT WHICH SERVICES HAVE BEEN HELD, WHERE PROBABLY SOME
CHURCH FAMILIES RESIDE.

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| Moss Point, | Ocean Springs, | Tchula, | Quitman, |
| Egg Point, | West Station, | Mayersville, | Michigan City, |
| Black Hawk, | DeKalb, | Charleston, | Tallahatchie Co. |
| Senatobia, | Bluffville, | Scranton, | |
| Wahalak, | State Line, | Handsboro. | |

The Statistician reports the following Parishes as probably extinct and recommends that they be dropped from the list :

Church of the Crucifixion, Issaquena; Church of the Redeemer, Hinds county; St. John's Church, Annadale; St. Barnabas' Ch., Warrenton; St. John's Church, Pontotoc; St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville; St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro; Church of the Advent, Acona; St. Mary's Church, Laurel Hill; St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf; Christ Church, Monticello; Church of the Advent, Washington, Adams county.

The above named Parishes were dropped from the list. [See Proceedings, Saturday morning.]

It is further recommended that the following be dropped from the list of Parishes in union with the Council, and added to the list of Parochial Mission Stations :

Grace Church, Okolona; St. John's Church, Lake Washington; Chapel of the Cross, Livingston, Madison county; Church of the Messiah, Shuqualak, Noxubee county; Grace Church, Carrollton; St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City; Church of the Mediator, East Pascagoula; Christ Church, Summit; St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood; Ascension Church, Hernando; Church of our Saviour, Osyka; Church of the Nativity, Macon; St. Stephen's Church, Batesville; Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.

The above named Parishes were retained on the list pending the report of the Committee on Canons concerning Section 4, of the proposed amendment to Canon 1, creating recognized Mission Stations. This matter will come up for action in 1882.

It is further recommended that the words Church and Parish be dropped from the title of the above and of all Mission Stations, and the word Mission substituted; so that the names Church and Parish be only allowed to those Parishes which are in union with the Council.

The Statistician recommends that Canon I be further amended to provide for the admission of Mission Stations into recognized standing and into union with the Diocese, as follows :

First. That the title of Canon I, be amended to read—

OF THE ADMISSION OF PARISHES AND MISSION STATIONS.

Second. That a fourth section be added, as follows :

SEC. 4. Whenever the Church work at any place has been so prospered that there is a prospect of permanence and a hope that a Parish may at some future time be established, and where there are not a sufficient number of male Communicants to form a Vestry, the Church people may assemble, select a suitable name for the Mission, and subscribe to Articles of Association similar to those used for the organization of Parishes; except that the word Mission shall be used instead of the word Parish, and that instead of a Vestry two male Communicants, or in case of necessity one only, shall be named, who shall be called the Wardens or Warden

of..... Mission, and that the Easter Monday election shall be for Wardens or Warden instead of for Vestrymen. The Wardens so chosen shall provide themselves with two suitable blank books, shall appoint a Clerk of the Mission, and may be admitted into union with the Council, all as provided in Sec. 2.

SEC. 5. The property of such Mission Stations shall be vested in the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property; who shall hold the same in trust for the use of the Mission until such Mission shall become an incorporated Parish and be admitted as such into union with the Council, and longer if the new Parish consent.

SEC. 6. Each Mission Station so organized and admitted into union with the Diocese, shall be entitled to send one lay delegate, who shall be a Communicant in that place, to represent the Mission Station in the Council.

It is further recommended that the Canon of 1841, referred to on page 19, of this report, be re-enacted with additions, as follows:

Any Parish or Mission in this Diocese which has omitted, or shall neglect or refuse to send a delegation to the Council, or to pay assessments, or to make a report to the Statistician for the use of the Council, for two successive years, may be considered extinct, and shall be dropped by the Statistician from his list of Parishes in union with this Council. Such Parish or Mission may re-establish its union with the Diocese by a new application to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH L. TUCKER,

Statistician.

The change of name, the amendments to Canon I, on pp. 14 and 23, of this Appendix, and the proposed new Canon recommended above, were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons; and upon their suggestion were further referred to a Committee to report to the next Annual Council. (See Proceedings, Saturday night.)

Canon IX, as proposed by the Statistician, (page 15, of this Appendix) contained no restriction as to the nature of the blanks sent out by him, as he wished freedom to experiment further before presenting a form of Parochial Report to the Council for adoption. The requirement contained in Section 2, (p. 15,) was adopted upon the suggestion of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and the Canon as amended was adopted.

PROPOSED NEW CANONS
CONCERNING THE
FINANCES OF THE DIOCESE.

That Canon X, of the present series be repealed, and the following be adopted as a substitute.

CANON X.

CONCERNING THE FINANCES OF THE DIOCESE.

TITLE 1.

ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of seven persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each annual Council, who shall continue in office until the next annual Council, and shall assemble for deliberation at the call of their Chairman, or of a majority of the Committee, or of the Bishop. The Chairman may summon the Statistician of the Diocese and the Treasurer thereof to attend the meetings of the Committee, or to send specified information in writing.

The travelling expenses of members of the Committee and officers summoned to attend, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Diocese out of the Contingent Fund or other monies in his charge.

SEC. 2. During the Session of the Council all matters of a financial character may be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report; and it shall be their duty to assess the amounts to be contributed by each Parish, Parochial Mission and Mission Station, to the support of the Episcopate

and to the Contingent Fund of the Diocese; and they shall furnish to the Treasurer of the Diocese a basis of assessment by families or Communicants, for places not assessed by them, to be used by him as their executive officer, as provided in Sec. 7, Title 2.

SEC. 3. During the recess they shall have a general supervision of the Finances of the Diocese; and shall decide upon any question relating thereto which may be referred to them by any officer of the Diocese, including their own members, and their decision shall be binding, unless annulled by the veto of the Bishop. Should it be inexpedient in the judgment of their Chairman to hold a meeting of the Committee, such decision not being overruled by a majority of the Committee, their deliberations may be conducted by correspondence, and the Chairman shall announce the result.

SEC. 4. The Financial Year of the Diocese shall extend from the 1st day of January to include the 31st day of December of each year, to coincide with the civil and with the Diocesan statistical years; and the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the financial items of the Statistician's report as published in the Journal, shall cover that year only; but the Treasurer shall furnish information concerning the first and second quarters of the current year, as provided in Sec. 1, Title 2.

SEC. 5. Payment of all assessments made by the Finance Committee, directly or through their executive officer, shall be due quarterly in advance, upon the first day of January, April, July and October, respectively.

SEC. 6. Whenever the assessments made by the Finance Committee in any year shall be considerably in excess of those of the previous year, the Committee shall prepare an address or statement setting forth the reasons for such increase; which address shall be printed by the Treasurer, and used by him as provided in Sec. 2, of Title 2.

SEC. 7. The Finance Committee shall also, upon application of the Treasurer, give him assistance in the collection of assessments, as provided in the various paragraphs of Sec. 5, of Title 2.

SEC. 8. Any vacancy occurring in the Finance Committee shall be filled at once by appointment of the Bishop.

SEC. 9. ¶A. It shall not be lawful for any Parishes or Missions to make payments of any assessments to the Bishop in person. The relations which the Bishop holds towards In-

dividuals, Mission Stations, and Parishes; do not involve any money debt to him as an individual, nor can they be permitted to throw the finances of the Diocese into confusion by assuming that they stand in a relation to him which only the Diocese as a corporate body and through its proper officer occupies. It is derogatory to the dignity of a Bishop to make him the collector of his own salary, a labor which belongs to the Treasurer and to no one else. The financial relations of individual members of Parishes and Mission Stations are to their own Treasurers, and their financial relations as corporate bodies are through their Treasurers to whomsoever they owe money. In the case of assessments they owe money to the Diocese through its Treasurer. What the Diocese does with that money is not a matter with which they can interfere, except through their delegates to the Diocesan Council; and they have no more right to make payments to the Bishop on his salary, than Counties have to make payments to the Governor of the State on his salary.

¶B. Any such payments made to the Bishop shall be held to be of the nature of gifts, and shall not operate to release the Parishes or Mission Stations making them, from the full weight of assessments.

¶C. In passing the accounts of the Treasurer at the annual examination, all vouchers showing such a transaction forced upon the Bishop by any Parish or Mission Station, shall be thrown out as not good.

TITLE 2.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to communicate to each Parish, Parochial Mission and Mission Station, immediately after the adjournment of the Council, the amount assessed upon it for the remainder of the current year, and the 1st and 2d quarters of the next year. This he shall do by a circular which shall set forth the whole amount assessed upon such Parish or Mission for each fund by the Finance Committee for the twelve months, and the amount which will become due upon each fund on the first days of July, October, January and April; and the statement shall include as addenda any unpaid arrearages of the last assessment due upon the previous quarters of the current year, or which have been brought forward from the past year or years.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer may enclose with this circular of notification, an address to the Diocese concerning its finances, or the Finance Committee may furnish him with the matter for an address or appeal which he shall have printed and so use, or both; and this circular of notification with address may take the place of the circular which would be due from him on the 1st day of June as hereinafter provided, unless he shall have sent out this notification before that date.

SEC. 3. When payments are made to him the Treasurer shall immediately return a receipt for the same.

SEC. 4. ¶A. On the 10th day of the first month in each quarter, the Treasurer shall forward to each Parish and Mission a Statement of Account concerning the payment due from such Parish or Mission on the first of that month; with an addenda concerning arrearages, first of the current year and second of previous years, if any.

¶B. On the first day of the second month in each quarter he shall repeat this Statement of Account to all delinquent Parishes and Missions.

¶C. On the first day of the last month in each quarter he shall again repeat this Statement of Account to all delinquent Parishes and Mission Stations, and shall add thereto a Circular setting forth the necessities of the case, and urging the adoption of some system which shall ensure promptness of collections and payments, and such other matter as he may think advisable.

¶D. This last Statement and Circular he shall repeat on the 10th and 20th days of the last month of each quarter, to those Parishes and Mission Stations which still remain delinquent for that quarter. Copies of the same shall also be sent on the same dates, to the Wardens and Vestrymen of delinquent Parishes and Parochial Missions, and to the Wardens of Mission Stations; and may be sent to any lay members of such congregations or Missions, in such numbers as the Treasurer may think proper. Copies of each different issue shall also be sent to each member of the Finance Committee.

¶E. A notification of the next payment falling due shall be sent at least twenty days before the date on which it is due to every Parish and Mission under assessment.

SEC. 5. ¶A. In the last quarter of each year, when the accounts of the year are approaching conclusion and the Treasurer's books should be closed and balanced, if there be any considerable number of delinquencies so that the Treasurer

is unable to make the payments required of him, and sees no prospect of being able by his own efforts to raise the full amount necessary to successfully carry on the work of the Diocese, he may on the first day of November or as early in that month as possible, call upon the Chairman of the Finance Committee to re-inforce his efforts towards the collection of assessments. To this end he shall provide the Chairman of the Finance Committee with a list of the delinquent Parishes and Missions, with the items of amounts due from each, and with the names and addresses of Vestrymen and other prominent laymen in each place.

¶B. The Chairman may then divide this list among the members of the Finance Committee, who shall each write letters to the places assigned him, detailing the necessities of the Diocese, and urging a speedy compliance with the law. These letters shall be mailed on or before the tenth day of December.

¶C. Immediately after the tenth the members of the Finance Committee shall exchange lists as previously directed by their Chairman, and shall prepare similar letters for the new list obtained by this exchange; which letters shall be mailed on or before the 20th day of December. Letters received in answer to these appeals, and which contain information as to the condition of parts of the Diocese, shall be sent to the Statistician to be preserved by him for the use of the Committees of the next annual Council.

¶D. These labors of the Finance Committee shall not relieve the Treasurer from the duties assigned him in Paragraphs C. and D. of Sec. 4; but shall be considered as supplemental and additional thereto.

¶E. The Treasurer shall have copies of the lists as apportioned to the members of the Committee, and shall immediately notify the holder of a list of payments made by any place on his list; so that appeals may not be written in vain or Parishes needlessly vexed.

SEC. 6. ¶A. The Chairman of the Finance Committee may, if in his judgment it appears wise and necessary, upon receiving from the Treasurer the call for help and statement of the financial condition of the Diocese, call the Finance Committee together for deliberation; and if necessary, may request the presence of the Treasurer and of the Statistician. When this step is taken the summons should be issued as early in November as possible, but this direction is not mandatory as to time.

¶B. The Finance Committee when assembled may, if the situation appear sufficiently grave, request the President of the Standing Committee to summon that body to meet with them in deliberation; and the two Committees thus united may request the attendance and counsel of the Bishop, and of such additional Clergymen and laymen as in their judgment would add to their efficiency.

¶C. This action may be taken in advance, if a majority of the members of the Finance Committee agree with their Chairman as to the expediency of calling upon the Standing Committee to unite with them; and if the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the President of the Standing Committee and the Treasurer, agree together as to the expediency of requesting the attendance of the additional Clergymen and laymen. Summons may be issued simultaneously, to the Finance Committee by their Chairman, to the Standing Committee by their President, and to the additional persons under the signatures of the two last named with the Treasurer, countersigned by the Bishop if he be within reach.

¶D. The President of the Standing Committee shall be President of the body thus assembled, the Clerk of the Finance Committee shall be Secretary, and the minutes shall be reported to the next Council in the report of the Finance Committee, unless the meeting decide to substitute a formal report to the Council in place of the minutes.

¶E. After the opening by the President, the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall state the object of their meeting and give the details of the financial condition of the Diocese. Letters which have been received by members of the Finance Committee or by the Statistician, may be read; and any further information may be laid before the assembly by the Treasurer, the Statistician, or by any member.

¶F. Action shall be taken by apportioning among the persons present the labor of canvassing the delinquent Parishes and Mission Stations in person, or by letter, so that each place shall receive visits from different persons, or that different members of each Vestry and Congregation shall receive letters from various persons repeatedly through the month of December. Or by appointing and providing for the expenses of agents to visit such delinquent Parishes and Missions in addition to their own correspondence. And they may further issue an address to the Diocese if they think advisable, which shall be sent if possible, to every adult member of every delinquent Parish

and Mission Station at least twice during the month of December, and they may take such further action, not in violation of the acts of the Council, as may seem to them necessary.

¶C. The Secretary shall furnish the Treasurer with copies of the lists as apportioned to the various members, that the Treasurer may prevent appeals to places that make payment, as provided in ¶E., of Sec. 5.

SEC. 7. ¶A. In Mission Stations and small Parishes having no Clerical supervision, and in which there is no systematic method of making contributions, or persons whose duty it is to establish such method, the Treasurer shall endeavor to obtain a suitable person to act as his agent for the collection of assessments. To this end he is authorized to give a rebate of ten per cent. on the amount of collections; or where distances are great and the gross amount small, he may allow a larger rebate with expenses. To establish and maintain this system over the whole Diocese will be a distinct gain, even if in some places the expenses absorb the greater part of the proceeds.

¶B. The Treasurer may call upon the Statistician for lists of Parishes and Mission Stations in which it is advisable to establish this system, and the Statistician shall furnish him with any items of information in his possession, and with names of persons with whom to correspond.

¶C. Having obtained an agent in any town, the Treasurer shall furnish him with a blank book in which to obtain pledges. This book shall be so ruled that one page may contain names and pledges of amounts to be paid quarterly, and the opposite page have four columns in which to enter the quarterly payments when made.

¶D. The Treasurer shall instruct his agent as to the amount to be expected from each Communicant or family, according to the basis given him by the Finance Committee and the statistics furnished by the Statistician; or where the Finance Committee have placed an assessment upon such Parish or Mission Station, he shall make that assessment the basis of his calculation; but the agent in soliciting pledges, while making this expectation known, shall ask only for voluntary subscriptions. When this list is completed, the agent shall notify the Treasurer of the number of names or of families and of the amount to be expected from him every quarter, and shall send a copy of the names with Post-office addresses to the Statistician for future use.

¶E. The Treasurer shall furnish the agent with any circulars which he may issue, applicable to the condition of the Parish or Mission Station in which the agent is working, in numbers sufficient for the agent to deliver one to each family; in order to spread a knowledge of the Diocese and an interest in its financial condition through its whole membership.

SEC. 8. There are many families of Church people scattered through the Diocese, attached to no Parish or Mission Station, who have gradually lost the feeling of Church membership, and upon whom the Diocese has, at present, no hold.

To ascertain the whereabouts of these families and enroll them upon the lists of Diocesan membership, must be the duty of the Statistician; but to draw from them some measure of support for the Diocese, in return for the Offices of the Church which they require from the Bishop or from the nearest Clergyman, must be the duty of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer therefore may require of the Statistician the names and address of such families, and shall send to them copies of such circulars and appeals as may be applicable to their isolated condition; or he may devise a circular especially adapted to them, or both. He shall also notify them of the amount expected from each family or Communicant, and shall request pledges from them for quarterly payments, sending a printed blank to be returned to him, for that purpose; and shall urge them to remember that although not members of any Parish, they are members of the Diocese which is to them the Church of God, and that they should aid in bearing the burdens thereof. An efficient administration of the Diocese such as shall finally reach and benefit them, depends in great measure upon its financial condition. The Treasurer shall endeavor to awaken in them the slumbering sense of accountability, and to draw from them the same proportionate contributions that are given by Parochial families.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall pay quarterly, on the last day of each quarter, the amount due to the Bishop on his salary, for that quarter, or such portion thereof above the requirements of Sec. 11, as he may have on hand; either by remitting to him by letter, or by depositing to his credit with a notification by letter, as the Bishop shall elect. The Treasurer shall also honor the drafts of the Secretary of the Council and of the Statistician, for the expenses of their departments, to the extent of the Contingent Fund in his hands.

SEC. 10. It shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to transfer moneys from one fund to another, nor to create a debt for

the Diocese by advancing or borrowing money. It is better that the work of the Diocese should stop, than the Diocese itself may be awakened to the absolute nature of its obligations, than that its work should be done gratuitously, even by its own officers. In case the publication of the Journal, or other work of the Secretary should be suspended by the working of this Section, or if the labors of the Statistician be interrupted, or the meetings of any Committee, or the visitations of the Bishop, the Treasurer shall immediately send out a circular to every name on his list, stating the necessities of the case and calling for both regular and voluntary contributions at once. Should the visitations of the Bishop be thus suspended, the Treasurer shall, if not receiving prompt and ample response to this circular, at the expiration of ten days therefrom call upon the Chairman of the Finance Committee for a written appeal, which he shall cause to be printed, and to which he may add any further matter which he may think advisable; and this he shall send to every person in the Diocese whose address he may have on his books, or whose name he can obtain from any source whatever; and this he shall repeat at such short intervals as he may think advisable, with such changes in or additions to the matter thereof as may seem to him judicious. All other methods failing, he shall have recourse to the Chairman of the Finance Committee for a financial convocation as provided in Sec. 6, Title 2.

SEC. 11. To meet these and other extraordinary expenses falling upon the Episcopate Fund, the Treasurer shall keep a balance in hand sufficient to meet them should any sudden emergency arise.

BRETHREN OF THE COUNCIL:—

In presenting this Canon to your attention I cannot refrain from an entreaty that you will make it the law of the Diocese. The duties of the Treasurer as here prescribed, are but little more than that which a good and energetic Treasurer would do without law; while this Canon provides him first with one helper in the Chairman of the Finance Committee, then with five, then with ten, and finally with a number not limited, according as the financial situation of the Diocese

shows the need for a slight increase or a very great increase in the energy of its administration. And these bodies are prevented from following in the beaten track of uselessness, by having certain modes of action prescribed, while yet ample margin is left them for works which may originate with themselves.

It may seem to some of our number that it will be difficult to find a Treasurer who has at once the ability and the time for the discharge of the difficult labor required; yet I cannot think that any good judge of men can doubt it. The duties are not any more difficult or more laborious than the duties of the Statistician, and in both the greatest difficulty comes in the first year in putting the plan in operation. Little by little the labor will settle down into a routine. The printing office will do most of the work and a mailing Clerk the weightiest part of the rest. The Treasurer soon, that is in two or three years, will have his blanks and his circulars printed in quantities; and will have little more to do that will take much time, than the occasional devising a new Circular to give the spice of variety to the routine. That is to say, if he be a man of method. A disorderly man or one "lacking the faculty of number" is never a good Treasurer under any circumstances—a hole in the wall to receive deposits, would do as well. A great amount of labor may be accomplished without great loss of time, by always doing at once what needs to be done. Minutes are more valuable than hours, and hours than days. Thus, although the duties prescribed in this Canon may seem complicated and exceedingly laborious, yet, after the first establishment of the system a good and methodical Treasurer will discharge them, with the aid of a mailing Clerk, without the loss of more time than a Christian man ought to be willing to give to his Church.

I acknowledge that a somewhat exceptional genius will be needed in the inception, to establish the system; for there will need to be devised a book of accounts, a book of addresses, a

mailing book, a book for Agents, blank notifications, blank statements of account, blank receipts, besides the first compositions of the various circulars. But when this is done, and, after modification by experience, the various forms have crystallized into their final perfected shape, then any man of fair average business capacity, who once masters the routine, and who does not put off to to-morrow what ought to be done to-day, can carry forward the duties of this office without any too excessive draft upon his time.

That we need an access of energy in the administration of the Diocese is plain to us all. That we need system and method, and organization, so as to utilize the energy we have, is also plain. The extremities of the Diocese are paralyzed because the heart beats faintly. Its pulsations as heard in this Council scarcely reach beyond the walls of the building and the week of its meeting. Often we meet, transact a little routine business, wonder why so few come of the many who ought to be here, see half our number leave before we are through, and adjourn, with a feeling that probably the machine we are set to supervise will scrape through another year, or we hope it will. Sometimes we hear stirring words here, we pass good resolutions, but go home and soon all but forget that there was a Council or that it did anything. No evidence of it follows us except a thin pamphlet called a Journal, which scarce any one wants and nobody reads; except, perhaps, to see what the Bishop said about his Parish, or what "that miserable Finance Committee" taxed it. And thus we need channels of communication between this administrative center and our furthest and weakest members, through which the life at the centre may reach the extremities. Two such channels are provided in the proposed Canons submitted to this Council; more are needed, and should be supplied in future years. Action, which if not wholly wise, is yet in wise and right direction, is far better than the wisest wisdom which sits forever in silent inaction.

Most respectfully,

J. L. TUCKER.

This proposed Canon, with all the amendments and new Canons offered, except Canon IX, were referred during the final session of the Council to a committee to report in 1882.

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

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PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund,

In account with the Council:

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| April 24. To balance on hand as per last supplemental report, | \$192 75 |
| June 2. To cash from Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, for 1880, | 7 00 |
| 1881. | |
| April 20. To cash from Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi | 2 70 |
| 25. " " Our Saviour, Iuka, | 1 80 |
| 27. " " Holy Trinity Vicksburg..... | 6 00 |
| Total,..... | \$210 25 |

| 1880. | CR. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May 4, to Oct. 8, To stationery bill, .. | \$17 00 |
| May 31. To cash paid Charles Winkley, for printing 600 copies of Journal,... | 153 00 |
| June 30. To cash paid same for 100 circulars, notice for Gen. Con. Assessment | 1 50 |
| 1881. | |
| March 3. To envelopes, 60c., stamps, 75c..... | 1 35 |
| To balance | 37 40 |
| Total..... | \$210 25 |

| | DR. |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| March 3. To balance in hands of Treasurer,..... | \$37 40 |
| " 11. " St. Philip's, Kirkwood,..... | 1 80 |
| " 12. " St. Andrew's, Jackson..... | 9 00 |
| To balance on hand,..... | \$48 20 |

E. & O. E., Approved. }
Finance Com.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,

In account with the Council, for the Contingent Fund:

| 1881. | Dr. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| May 12. To balance on hand, as per report last made..... | \$48 20 |
| “ To collection from All Saints' Church, Grenada, | 6 00 |
| “ “ Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry, | 2 70 |
| “ “ Holy Trinity, Vicksburg..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ St. Paul's Woodville, | 9 00 |
| “ “ Christ Church, Holly Springs,..... | 6 00 |
| “ “ Christ Church, Church Hill,..... | 2 50 |
| “ “ Trinity Church, Natchez,..... | 18 00 |
| “ “ Chapel of the Holy Communion, New Town P. O., Warren county,..... | 1 50 |
| “ “ St. Mary's, Lexington,..... | 2 70 |
| “ “ St. James', Port Gibson, | 4 50 |
| “ “ Ch. of the Epiphany, Claiborne Co.,.. | 2 70 |
| “ “ Grace Church, Canton,.. .. | 5 00 |
| May 13. “ Grace Church, Rosedale, | 2 00 |
| “ “ St. Paul's, Columbus | 9 00 |
| “ “ St. James', Greenville,..... | 9 00 |
| “ “ St. Mark's, Raymond,,..... | 1 00 |
| May 17. “ Christ Church, Vicksburg,..... | 9 00 |
| 18. “ Trinity Church, Yazoo City..... | 4 50 |
| 16. “ St. Peter's, Oxford,..... | 4 50 |
| 16. “ Dr. Thos. J. Catchings, Johnsonville, | 2 00 |

Total on hand,..... \$154 80

PETER P. BAILEY,

Secretary and Treasurer.

E. & O. E., Approved. }
 Finance Com. }

GENERAL CONVENTION ASSESSMENT FUND.

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,

In account with the Council:

| 1880. | | DR. |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| April 24. | To cash on hand as per report made and published in the Journal of 1880,..... | \$23 00 |
| June 2. | To cash from Holy Trinity, Vicksburg,..... | 3 00 |
| 3. | " " Christ Church, Church Hill,..... | 3 00 |
| July 6. | " " Trinity Church, Yazoo City,..... | 3 00 |
| 6. | " " Good Shepherd, Terry,..... | 1 00 |
| 9. | " " the Mission, at Enterprise,..... | 1 00 |
| 9. | " " St. Stephen's Church, Hazlehurst,..... | 1 00 |
| 13. | " " Grace Church, Okolona,..... | 1 00 |
| 20. | " " Immanuel Winona,..... | 1 00 |
| 22. | " " Redeemer, Biloxi,..... | 1 00 |
| 26. | " " St. Luke's, Brandon,..... | 1 00 |
| 29. | " " Mission at Scooba,..... | 1 00 |
| 30. | " " Diamond Place, Newtown P. O.,..... | 3 00 |
| August 3. | " " St. James', Port Gibson,..... | 3 00 |
| 7. | " " Holy Comforter, Dry Grove,..... | 1 00 |
| 18. | " " Our Saviour, Iuka,..... | 1 00 |
| Sept. 2. | " " St. Andrew's, Jackson,..... | 3 00 |
| 1881. | | |
| May 3. | " " Grace Church, Rosedale,..... | 3 00 |
| | To balance due Treasurer,..... | 29 00 |
| | Total, | \$83 00 |
| 1880. | | CR. |
| Oct. 14. | By cash paid Lloyd Wells, Treasurer of the General Convention, per assessment on the Diocese,..... | \$81 00 |
| Oct. 7. | By am't paid telegram to Rev. J. L. Tucker, for statistical report,..... | 1 00 |
| 8. | By am't paid for answer to above telegram,..... | 1 00 |
| | | \$83 00 |
| Oct. 14. | To balance due the Treasurer,..... | \$29 00 |
| E. & O. E., Approved. } | | |
| Finance Com. } | | |

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

ETER P. BAILEY,

*In account with the Council for the Assessment for
Expenses of the General Convention:*

| 1881. | | DR. |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| May 12. | To cash from Holy Innocents, Como,..... | \$1 00 |
| 12. | “ Christ Church, Holly Springs,..... | 3 00 |
| 12. | “ Grace Church, Canton,..... | 3 00 |
| 12. | “ St. James', Greenville,..... | 3 00 |
| 14. | “ St. Mark's, Raymond,..... | 1 00 |
| 16. | “ St. Peter's Oxford,..... | 3 00 |
| 16. | “ Dr. Catchings, Johnsonville..... | 1 00 |
| | To balance due Treasurer..... | 14 00 |
| | Total..... | \$29 00 |

1881.

CR.

May 16. By balance due Treasurer this date,..... \$14 00

RUSTEES CORCORAN LAND FUND,

In account with JOHN W. ROBINSON, Treasurer:

| | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1880. | | |
| April 14. | By balance due, as per statement,..... | \$1175 04 |
| Dec 20. | By cash from C. L. Anderson, | 275 00 |
| | Balance due, | \$1450 04 |
| | Interest,..... | 70 50 |
| | Total..... | *1520 54 |

E. & O. E., Approved. }
Finance Com. }

May 9, 1881.—The above sum was by Messrs. Robinson & Steen, paid over this day, to the present Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

*This sum is acknowledged in the Trustees report to the Council.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi

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The present Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, met May the 5th, A. D. 1880, and organized under the charter granted by the legislature of the State directed by the Council of the Diocese, held in Grenada, on the 22d, 23d and 24th days of April, 1880. G. D. Sidway, chosen President; John W. Robinson, Treasurer, and Peter Bailey, Secretary, and a record of their proceedings have regularly kept since.

In relation to the controversy existing at the date of the meeting of the Council of the Diocese in 1880, between the Board and the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of the State, located at Jackson, as to the ownership of the land in Jackson, formerly occupied by St. Andrew's College, a corporation once existing under the laws of the State, but under the control of the Council of the Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Mississippi. This Board, acting under the discretionary power given to them by the Council, to do what might appear to the Board to be just and proper in the matter, after an extensive research among the Journals of the Diocese, the records of the College, and the reports made to the legislature by the Superintendent of the Institute, and the addresses of our Bishop, became satisfied, that while no deed could be found, or any record in the office of the Chancery or Probate Clerk of the court, or the Hinds, of the several conveyances claimed to have been made, yet there could be furnished proof that such conveyances had been made:—First, from the Trustees of the Diocese to the Trustees of the College; the Trustees of the College to Wm. Yerger, for life-time; and the said Wm. Yerger to the State of Mississippi, and the State of Mississippi to the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

A survey was ordered to be made by H. C. Daniels, a surveyor of reputation, who reported a map and survey of said lands described as the fractional part of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, and fractional part of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, of section 33, township 6, range 1, east. Also, fractional part of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, of section 4, township 5, range 1, east, in West Jackson, containing 68 83-100 acres. The Board allowed the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institute to enter into possession of said surveyed land, but made no conveyance of any kind to said Institute. The Board still holds, adjoining said land, some 108 17-100 acres, called the Bishop's residence property, from which a trifling rent is obtained annually.

Very little of the Corcoran lands were sold during the past Conciliar year.

On April 29th, 1881, the Board met, when the death of John W. Robinson, the Treasurer of the Board, and one of its most active members, was announced as having taken place on the 27th of April. This death created a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer of the Board. Whereupon, Peter P. Bailey was chosen by the Board to fill such vacancy. The legal representatives of the late Treasurer were called upon for a statement of the funds in their hands, belonging to the Board, which was promptly responded to, and an exhibit made showing \$1450 04 of principal and \$70 50 of interest of the Corcoran Land Fund, in their hands, which sums were paid over to the present Treasurer, who now holds them. The present Treasurer has also collected \$40 for interest on a Mississippi State Bond held by the Board and heretofore reported as held by G. D. Sidway.

The present Treasurer holds, also, three notes of \$50 each, executed by the Vestry of Trinity Church, Natchez, payable in one, two and three years from the 22d of June, 1880, with interest at 8 per cent. payable annually. These notes were executed in aid of the fund for payment of the arrearages of the Bishop's salary, as provided by the Council of 1880.*

May 12, 1881.—Received from C. L. Anderson, on account of sales and collection of Corcoran lands \$153 41.

Total cash in hands of present Treasurer, \$1713 41.

G. D. SIDWAY, President.

PETER P. BAILEY, Sec. & Treas.

E. & O. E., Approved. }
Finance Com. }

*These notes are the same as those referred to by the Treasurer of the Diocese, in his report of settlement with the Bishop for arrearages of salary.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE FUND,*In account with JOHN W. ROBINSON, Treasurer:*

| 1880. | DR. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| April 13. By balance due as per statement..... | \$164 30 |
| Sept. 3. By cash from Simmons Bros., for rent of land to 1st of May, 1880..... | 15 00 |
| March 4. By cash from G. D. Sidway, for rent from Anna Banks,..... | 15 00 |
| Balance due..... | *\$194 30 |
| E. & O. E., Approved. } Finance Com. } | |

*Since the close of the Council the above sum has been paid over to the present Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund.

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PETER P. BAILEY,*In account with the Bishop's Residence Fund:*

| 1881. | DR. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Feb. 8. To cash collected from the Fall's estate, in the case of Georgie Miller vs. The Columbus Insurance Co., in which this fund had an interest,..... | \$178 30 |
| Apr. 4. To cash collected for rent on West Jackson Bish- op's Residence property, | 10 00 |
| Total | \$188 30 |

NOTE.—Since the close of the Council the present Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund has received from the representatives of the late John W. Robinson, the balance due as per report made for him, to wit: \$194 30.

C. L. ANDERSON,

*To Peter P. Bailey, and G. D. Sidway, Trustees
Of Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Episcopal Church:*

| 1880. | | DR. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| April 3. | To balance due Trustees on settlement this day, | \$1 14 |
| 15. | " cash from A. Hays, on land sold him..... | 45 00 |
| 27. | " bal. on note of J. M. Weatherly, for land sold him | 53 55 |
| June 2. | To cash paym't of I. Peeler, on land sold him, | 16 66 |
| Nov. 18. | " from B. T. Clark, on note, " " | 60 00 |
| 20. | " payment of Susan M. Glazier, on land sold her, | 50 00 |
| 25. | " from P. M. West, in full of his last two notes, for land sold him..... | 197 75 |
| Dec. 22. | " bal. on note of B. T. Clark, for land sold him,.. | 35 00 |
| 1881. | | |
| Jan. 20. | " payment of Caroline Sanders on land sold her | 30 00 |
| Feb. 16. | " on note of W. D. McMillan, on land sold him,..... | 50 00 |
| March 1. | " in full of I. Peeler's first note for land sold him | 16 81 |
| May 10. | " payment on land sold Susan M. Glazier,.. | 30 00 |
| | Total,..... | \$585 91 |
| 1880. | | CR. |
| | By Commission on above at 10 pr ct. | \$58 50 |
| Nov. 19. | " tax on Church lands in Attala Co., | 48 25 |
| 25. | " amount paid J. M. Weatherly, be- ing value of a tract of land sold him by the Trustees, and afterwards found not to belong to the Church..... | 50 00 |
| 19. | " this am't sent J. W. Robinson, by Express,..... | 275 00 |
| | " charges on money sent by Express,.. | 75 |
| | Total,..... | \$432 50 |
| 1881. | By bal. due Trustees,..... | \$153 41 |
| | | \$585 91 |
| May 11. | By am't sent P. P. Bailey to close acc't..... | \$153 41 |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

JACKSON, May 14, 1881.

*To the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church,
Of the Diocese of Mississippi:*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report:

That the accounts of the Treasurer of the Council for the Contingent Fund, and the assessment for the expenses of the General Convention; the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese; the account of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property; and the account for the Bishop's Residence Fund, have been severally examined and found correct.

The Committee recommend the following assessment on the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate, and for the Contingent expenses of the Council, for the ensuing year:

| LOCATION. | EPISCOPATE ASSESSMENT. | CONTINGENT FUND. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Aberdeen..... | \$115 00 | \$12 00 |
| Brookhaven | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| Brandon | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Bovina..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Biloxi..... | 30 00 | 2 00 |
| Bolton | 25 00 | 4 50 |
| Church Hill..... | 70 00 | 5 00 |
| Columbus | 115 00 | 12 00 |
| Clinton..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| Canton..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| St. Elmo | 23 00 | 5 00 |
| Carrollton | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| Corinth..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| Como..... | 40 00 | 4 00 |
| Crystal Springs | 15 00 | 3 00 |

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—CONTINUED.

| LOCATION. | EPISCOPATE ASSESSMENT. | CONTINGENT FUND. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Dry Grove..... | 12 00 | 2 00 |
| Early Grove..... | 10 00 | 2 50 |
| Edwards..... | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| Enterprise..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Greenville..... | 75 00 | 10 00 |
| Grenada..... | 88 00 | 11 00 |
| Holly Springs..... | 50 00 | 6 00 |
| Hazlehurst..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| Iuka..... | 15 00 | 3 50 |
| Jackson..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| Kirkwood..... | 8 00 | 2 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| Lexington..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Livingston..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Lamar..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Mississippi City..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| Macon..... | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| Meridian..... | 35 00 | 5 00 |
| McComb City..... | 25 00 | 6 00 |
| Magnolia..... | 10 00 | 3 00 |
| Natchez..... | 345 00 | 20 00 |
| Osyka..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| Okolona..... | 23 00 | 2 00 |
| Oxford..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Port Gibson..... | 60 00 | 6 00 |
| Pass Christian..... | 65 00 | 6 00 |
| Raymond..... | 30 00 | 3 00 |
| Rosedale..... | 30 00 | 2 50 |
| Summit..... | 15 00 | 3 00 |
| Sardis..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Shuqualak..... | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| Scooba..... | 12 00 | 4 00 |
| Terry..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| Holy Trinity, do..... | 250 00 | 20 00 |
| Vaiden..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Woodville..... | 100 00 | 12 00 |
| Water Valley..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Winona..... | 35 00 | 6 00 |
| Yazoo City..... | 100 00 | 12 00 |
| Newtown Landing..... | 12 00 | 2 00 |
| Rolling Fork..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Bay St. Louis..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Johnsonville..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| Hernando..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| East Pascagoula..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| West Point..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Rodney..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Trustees Fund..... | 100 00 | |
| | \$3,008 00 | \$333 50 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

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JACKSON, MISS., MAY 12th, 1880.

GEO. M. KLEIN, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE:

| PARISHES. | ASSESSED. | PAID. | DUE. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Aberdeen..... | \$115 00 | \$100 00 | \$15 00 |
| Brookhaven..... | 12 00 | ..... | 12 00 |
| Brandon..... | 57 00 | 12 50 | 44 50 |
| Bovina..... | 46 00 | 41 80 | 4 20 |
| Biloxi..... | 35 00 | 35 00 | ..... |
| Church Hill..... | 70 00 | 70 00 | ..... |
| Columbus..... | 115 00 | 115 00 | ..... |
| Canton..... | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... |
| Epiphany, Claiborne County..... | 23 00 | 23 00 | ..... |
| Carrollton..... | 40 00 | ..... | 40 00 |
| Corinth..... | 23 00 | ..... | 23 00 |
| Como..... | 40 00 | 40 00 | ..... |
| Crystal Springs..... | 29 00 | ..... | 29 00 |
| Dry Grove..... | 23 00 | ..... | 23 00 |
| Early Grove..... | 23 00 | ..... | 23 00 |
| Edwards..... | 23 00 | 8 50 | 14 50 |
| Enterprise..... | 18 00 | 30 00 | ..... |
| Greenville..... | 115 00 | ..... | 115 00 |
| Grenada..... | 88 00 | 88 00 | ..... |
| Holly Springs..... | 88 00 | 40 55 | 47 45 |
| Hazlehurst..... | 29 00 | ..... | 29 00 |
| Iuka..... | 17 00 | 15 00 | 2 00 |
| Jackson..... | 230 00 | 200 00 | 30 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | 60 00 | ..... | 60 00 |
| Kirkwood..... | 12 00 | ..... | 12 00 |
| Lexington..... | 29 00 | 35 00 | ..... |
| Livingston..... | 17 00 | ..... | 17 00 |
| Lamar..... | 23 00 | ..... | 23 00 |
| Mississippi City..... | 40 00 | ..... | 40 00 |
| Macon..... | 40 00 | 4 00 | 36 00 |
| Meridian..... | 35 00 | 35 00 | ..... |
| McComb City..... | 35 00 | ..... | 35 00 |
| Magnolia..... | 23 00 | ..... | 23 00 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—CONTINUED.

| PARISHES. | ASSESSED. | PAID. | DUE. |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Natchez | 345 00 | 345 00 | ..... |
| Osyka | 12 00 | 6 25 | 5 75 |
| Okolona | 23 00 | 22 00 | 1 00 |
| Oxford | 60 00 | ..... | 60 00 |
| Port Gibson | 60 00 | 60 00 | ..... |
| Pass Christian | 115 00 | ..... | 115 00 |
| Raymond | 29 00 | 29 00 | ..... |
| Rosedale | 29 00 | 44 00 | ..... |
| Summit | 35 00 | ..... | 35 00 |
| Sardis | 29 00 | ..... | 29 00 |
| Shuqualak | 18 00 | 2 00 | 16 00 |
| Scooba | 12 00 | 15 00 | ..... |
| Terry | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... |
| Vicksburg, Christ Church | 287 50 | 230 00 | 57 50 |
| Vicksburg, Holy Trinity | 258 75 | 258 75 | ..... |
| Vaiden | 23 00 | 16 00 | 7 00 |
| Woodville | 115 00 | 90 00 | 25 00 |
| Water Valley | 29 00 | ..... | 29 00 |
| Winona | 58 00 | 35 00 | 23 00 |
| Yazoo City | 98 00 | 61 00 | 37 00 |
| Warren County, Diamond Place | 12 00 | 12 00 | ..... |
| Johnsonville | 15 00 | ..... | 15 00 |
| Rolling Fork | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Waveland | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Total | \$3,416 25 | ..... | ..... |
| Enterprise, over paid | 12 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Lexington, " | 6 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Scooba, " | 3 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rosedale, paid for last year—1880 | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Total | \$3,452 25 | \$2,249 35 | \$1,202 90 |
| May 12, 1881. Salary for current year ..... | ..... | ..... | \$2,500 00 |
| Paid the Bishop ..... | ..... | \$2,249 35 | ..... |
| Balance due the Bishop ..... | ..... | 250 65 | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | \$2,500 00 |

In account with "Special Assessment" for the payment of the arrearages of Salary due the Bishop:

April 24th, 1880. Balance due the Bishop

Reduced by agreement to

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

| | ASSESSED. | PAID. |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| *Trinity Church, Natchez | \$150 00 | \$150 00 |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Holy Trinity, Vicksburg | 150 00 | 150 00 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—CONTINUED.

| | ASSESSED. | PAID. |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| St. Andrew's Church, Jackson..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Trinity Church, Yazoo City..... | 80 00 | 80 00 |
| All Saints' Church, Grenada | 80 00 | 80 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Columbus | 80 00 | 80 00 |
| Immanuel Church, Winona..... | 80 00 | 80 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Woodville..... | 80 00 | 80 00 |
| Total,..... | \$1,000 00 | \$1,000 00 |

May 12, 1881. †Paid the Bishop.....\$1,000 00.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. KLEIN, Treasurer.

E. & O. E., Approved. }
Finance Com. }

*Held by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

†This was in full for all arrearages, as per terms of settlement made by the Council in A. D. 1880.



UNPAID PART OF ASSESSMENTS FOR EPISCOPATE FUND.

| PLACES. | 1870. | 1871. | 1872. | 1873. | 1874. | 1875. | 1876. | 1877. | 1878. | 1879. | TOTAL. |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Vicksburg, Christ Church..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$40 | ..... | \$75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$115 |
| Vicksburg, Holy Trinity..... | ..... | 175 | ..... | ..... | 100 | 78 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 363 |
| Holly Springs..... | 30 | 66 | 52 | 125 | ..... | 59 | 100 | *100 | ..... | ..... | 303 |
| Columbus..... | 95 | *111 | 89 | 20 | 25 | 50 | 58 | 64 | 39 | 35 | 476 |
| Canton..... | ..... | 75 | ..... | 89 | 50 | 15 | ..... | 40 | *40 | 40 | 178 |
| Brandon..... | 10 | 15 | 20 | 105 | 100 | *78 | 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 218 |
| Yazoo City..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 50 | 775 | 40 | 750 | ..... | 22 | 167 |
| Oxford..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 | 37 | 21 | 67 | 37 | ..... | 320 |
| Churce Hill..... | ..... | 53 | *100 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 | 48 | *18 | ..... | 163 |
| Aberdeen..... | 117 | *9 | 29 | 27 | 5 | 50 | 10 | *15 | 64 | 1100 | 238 |
| Port Gibson, and Grand Gulf..... | ..... | *15 | ..... | 35 | ..... | 24 | 43 | ..... | 29 | 10 | 222 |
| Claiborne Co..... | *70 | 14 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 225 | 25 | 115 | ..... | 120 | 199 |
| Dry Grove..... | ..... | 3 | 30 | 45 | 40 | 29 | 25 | 150 | 160 | 120 | 302 |
| Madison Co..... | ..... | 140 | 120 | *16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 44 |
| Carrollton..... | 10 | 140 | 13 | 13 | ..... | 15 | ..... | 15 | ..... | *5 | 88 |
| Meridian..... | 46 | 22 | ..... | 25 | 23 | 225 | 8 | *9 | 137 | 130 | 208 |
| Kirkwood..... | 10 | 10 | ..... | ..... | 19 | 10 | 115 | ..... | 122 | 125 | 111 |
| Hernando..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 58 | 15 | 150 | 38 | 130 | ..... | ..... | 191 |
| Grenada..... | 130 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| Holmes Co..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 | ..... | ..... | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21 |
| Summit..... | ..... | 5 | 160 | *10 | ..... | 42 | 33 | 37 | 6 | 15 | 279 |
| Macon..... | 25 | ..... | 30 | ..... | 150 | 225 | ..... | 15 | 6 | 135 | 176 |
| Raymond..... | 150 | ..... | 140 | ..... | 140 | 150 | 150 | 130 | ..... | 125 | 285 |
| Enterprise..... | ..... | ..... | 120 | 15 | 115 | *5 | 115 | 120 | ..... | 115 | 104 |
| Shuqualak..... | 13 | 3 | ..... | 25 | 110 | 120 | 7 | 120 | *3 | 115 | 112 |
| Terry..... | 15 | *25 | ..... | 25 | 22 | ..... | ..... | 23 | *3 | ..... | 60 |

FIGURES RELATING TO ARREARAGES IN THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE—Continued.

| PLACES. | 1870. | 1871. | 1872. | 1873. | 1874. | 1875. | 1876. | 1877. | 1878. | 1879. | TOTAL. |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Lake Washington..... | ..... | 25 | ..... | ..... | 175 | 150 | 150 | 10 | ..... | 150 | 230 |
| Marshall Co..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 | 130 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 45 |
| Early Grove..... | 10 | 10 | 130 | 5 | ..... | ..... | 14 | 20 | 3 | ..... | 92 |
| Panola..... | 125 | 125 | 120 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 |
| Clinton..... | 125 | 125 | 120 | 130 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 |
| Corinth..... | 125 | 5 | 150 | 175 | 115 | 175 | 175 | 150 | ..... | 120 | 390 |
| Okolona..... | 130 | 130 | 130 | 145 | 110 | 125 | 125 | 140 | ..... | 120 | 255 |
| Mississippi City..... | ..... | 3 | 115 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 125 | 5 | 130 | 2 | 91 |
| Shieldsborough..... | ..... | ..... | 20 | ..... | 115 | ..... | ..... | 15 | 119 | ..... | 59 |
| Pass Christian..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | 50 | ..... | 75 | 25 | 50 | 27 | 35 | 262 |
| Crystal Springs..... | 110 | 110 | ..... | 130 | 118 | ..... | ..... | 17 | 9 | 125 | 119 |
| Greenville..... | 19 | ..... | 22 | 150 | ..... | 115 | 32 | 35 | 97 | 13 | 485 |
| Scooba..... | 150 | 150 | 120 | 130 | ..... | 10 | 10 | 10 | ..... | ..... | 195 |
| Water Valley..... | 145 | 32 | ..... | 19 | ..... | 130 | 130 | 20 | 6 | 125 | 208 |
| Ozyska..... | ..... | 5 | 125 | 22 | 118 | 125 | 115 | 15 | ..... | 10 | 130 |
| Acona..... | ..... | ..... | 13 | 10 | 5 | ..... | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... | 63 |
| Hazlehurst..... | ..... | ..... | 120 | 130 | 145 | 12 | 15 | 125 | 23 | 5 | 176 |
| East Pascagola..... | ..... | ..... | 110 | ..... | 115 | 115 | ..... | 120 | ..... | ..... | 60 |
| Boloxi..... | ..... | ..... | 112 | 120 | 120 | 5 | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | 54 |
| Brookhaven..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 120 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 | 22 | ..... | 1 |
| Bolton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 130 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| Sardis..... | 16 | ..... | ..... | 15 | 10 | 125 | 15 | 16 | ..... | 1 | 80 |
| Warren Co..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 130 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| Wahalak..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 120 | 115 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 |
| Batesville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 130 | 120 | 10 | 110 | ..... | ..... | 60 |
| Como..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 130 | 120 | 110 | 125 | ..... | 10 | 95 |
| Juka..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 115 | 115 | 115 | 125 | ..... | 5 | 75 |

FIGURES RELATING TO ARREARAGES—Continued.

| PLACES. | 1870. | 1871. | 1872. | 1873. | 1874. | 1875. | 1876. | 1877. | 1878. | 1879. | TOTAL. |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Livingston..... | | | | | | | †25 | †20 | | 15 | 96 |
| Pontotoc..... | | | | | 11 | †25 | | | | | 15 |
| Winona..... | | | | | †15 | 3 | | 23 | | 20 | 46 |
| Lexington..... | | | | | | | †25 | *12 | | *2 | 10 |
| Black Hawk..... | | | | | | | | †10 | | | 10 |
| Edwards..... | | | | | | | | 20 | | †20 | 40 |
| Kosisko..... | | | | | | | | †10 | | | 10 |
| Michigan City..... | | | | | | | | †10 | | | 10 |
| McComb City..... | | | | | | | | 13 | †45 | †30 | 88 |
| Magnolia..... | | | | | | | | †15 | *10 | †20 | 25 |
| Ocean Springs..... | | | | | | | | †20 | | | 20 |
| Scranton..... | | | | | | | | †5 | | | 5 |
| Vaiden..... | | | | | | | | 8 | | 3 | 11 |
| Lamar..... | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 19 |
| Some Missions..... | 45 | 50 | | | | | | | 12 | 43 | 150 |
| Total..... | 765 | 654 | 797 | 1452 | 991 | 1238 | 1034 | 1072 | 558 | 758 | 9323 |

*Indicates an overpayment: i. e. the whole current assessment paid, and a portion or the whole of previous arrearages also paid. †Indicates that the whole assessment was unpaid.

These "figures" are compiled from the Treasurers' reports in the Journals of the last ten years. Doubtless they are as accurate as can be made from that source: sufficiently accurate, at least, to show the Diocese (to speak in business parlance,) the nature of the capital upon which it supports the Episcopate. The above table shows that there are nine thousand three hundred and twenty-three dollars due the Diocese from Parishes on the assessments of the last ten years. Nine thousand dollars in ten years is an average of a little less than a thousand dollars a year. If the Contingent Fund arrearages were added the average would probably be fully a thousand dollars a year.

July 24th, A. D. 1880.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1880-'81.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | MINISTERS. | WARDENS. | Families. | No. Souls. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| St. Luke's | Brandon..... | W. P. Browne..... | Patrick Henry, Stith Green..... | 20 | 75 |
| St. Mary's..... | Bolton..... | W. P. Browne..... | C. L. Robinson, Charles Walton..... | 19 | 60 |
| Grace Church..... | Bay St. Louis..... | A. J. Tardy..... | ..... | 20 | 100 |
| Redeemer | Biloxi | Jas. A. Fox, & W. P. Browne..... | U. Cousin, James Maycock | 23 | 80 |
| St. Alban's | Bovina..... | J. W. Tays..... | H. P. Nolan, Thomas Kidd..... | 15 | 63 |
| Grace..... | Canton..... | Melville M. Moore..... | Wm. Priestly, Dr. Charles Priestly..... | 40 | 160 |
| Christ Church..... | Church Hill..... | Wm. Munford..... | James S. Johnston, Robt. Cox..... | 26 | 125 |
| St. Paul's..... | Columbus..... | Wm. K. Douglas, D. D..... | J. J. Sherman, W. C. Richards..... | 49 | 168 |
| Holy Comforter | Dry Grove..... | Wm. C. McCracken..... | T. S. Dabney, E. H. Dabney..... | 46 | 155 |
| All Saints | Grenada | F. A. Juny, D. D..... | C. S. Wood, A. C. Leigh | 46 | 204 |
| St. James | Greenville | Wm. K. Douglas, D. D..... | W. A. Pollock, W. G. Yerger..... | 8 | 50 |
| St. Stephen's..... | Hazlehurst..... | J. T. Pickett, D. D..... | E. B. Taylor, T. J. Penn..... | 34 | 150 |
| Christ Church..... | Holly Springs..... | Joseph L. Tucker, D. D..... | B. W. Walthall, John Calhoun..... | 6 | 37 |
| Our Saviour | Iuka | W. Presbury..... | ..... | 65 | 346 |
| St. Andrew's..... | Jackson | J. Gordon..... | Dr. E. H. Anderson, A. Noland | 6 | 30 |
| St. Philip's..... | Kirkwood..... | Benj. Halstead..... | Judge Clayton, F. Long | 7 | 31 |
| St. Andrew's..... | Lamar | John Gordon..... | Wm. F. Stansberry | 6 | 36 |
| St. Mary's | Lexington | Alex. Marks..... | J. G. Bailey, M. D., R. J. Baird..... | 116 | 510 |
| St. John's, Early Grove | Marshall county..... | J. T. Pickett, D. D..... | Joseph D. Shields, John Rawle..... | 25 | 113 |
| Trinity | Natchez | A. J. Tardy ..... | ..... | 32 | 106 |
| St. Peter..... | Oxford | Nowell Logan..... | Dr. T. B. Magruder, N. S. Walker..... | 12 | 52 |
| Trinity..... | Pass Christian..... | Nowell Logan..... | R. L. Eogle, H. Sively..... | 13 | 68 |
| St. James | Port Gibson..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Marks | Raymond..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Epiphany..... | St. Elmo..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | MINISTERS. | • WARDENS. | Families. | No. Souls. |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| St. Mathew's | Clinton..... | W. P. Browne..... | James A. Wood, W. H. Archer..... | 12 | 31 |
| Holy Innocents | Como | E. Hamvasy..... | N. R. Sledge, J. P. Waller..... | 10 | 36 |
| Grace Church..... | Rosedale..... | Joseph S. Prosser..... | Chas Scott, John L. Gill..... | 14 | 64 |
| Ch. Redeemer..... | Sardis..... | E. Hamvasy | Dr. Morgan Adams, J. A. Small..... | 8 | 34 |
| Christ Church..... | Vicksburg..... | H. Sansom, D. D..... | F. D. Farrar, Geo. M. Klein ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Holy Trinity..... | Vicksburg | Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D..... | John A. Klein, Murray F. Smith ..... | ..... | 17 |
| Immanuel | Winona..... | Oliver Wilson..... | Frank Hawkins, J. C. Furnell..... | 6 | 60 |
| St. Paul's..... | Woodville..... | J. W. Turner..... | T. V. Noland, Geo. F. Smith..... | 46 | 218 |
| Trinity..... | Yazoo..... | John B. Linn..... | Alex. Smith, Dr. G. P. Moore..... | 50 | 200 |
| Chap. Holy Commu'n | Diamond Place..... | E. C. Laughlin ..... | ..... | 11 | ..... |
| Good Shepherd..... | Terry..... | Wm. K. Douglas, D. D. | Wm. M. Bracy Wm H. Fitzhugh | 10 | 100 |
| St. Ambrose..... | Edwards..... | W. P. Browne..... | M. Dabney W. M. Penfield..... | 14 | 45 |
| St. Chrysostom..... | Vaiden..... | Oliver Wilson..... | R. R. Hawkins, S. E. McConnico..... | 4 | ..... |
| St. Stephen..... | Batesville..... | E. Hamvasy ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mediator | Meridian | R. Hines, D. D..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | | | | 831 | 3500 |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | BAPTISMS. | | COMMUNICANTS. | | | | | | | | | | Public Services on Sun-days | Public Services on other days | Holy Communion, pub-lic. | Holy Com'n, private. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Infants. | Adults. | Total. | Confirmations. | Added by Removal. | Admissions. | Whole No. Added. | Removed. | Died. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Whole No. lost. | Present Number. | Marriages. | Burials. | |
| St. Luke..... | Brandon | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | ... | 6 | 36 | ... | 1 | ... |
| St. Mary's..... | Bolton..... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 7 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 30 | ... | 1 | ... |
| Grace Church..... | Bay St. Louis..... | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | ... | ... | ... |
| Redeemer..... | Biloxi..... | 7 | ... | 7 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 11 | 3 | ... | ... | 14 | 24 | ... | 7 | ... |
| St. Alban..... | Bovina | 15 | ... | 15 | 3 | ... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 6 | 36 | 2 | 6 | ... |
| Grace..... | Canton | 5 | 3 | 8 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | 63 | 2 | 5 | ... |
| Christ Church..... | Church Hill | 14 | ... | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 45 | 1 | 7 | ... |
| St. Paul's | Columbus..... | 7 | 7 | 14 | 18 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 81 | 5 | 2 | ... |
| Holy Comforter..... | Dry Grove..... | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 52 | ... |
| All Saints' | Grenada..... | 5 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 57 | 4 | 8 | ... |
| St. James' | Greenville..... | 16 | 1 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 50 | 4 | 12 | ... |
| St. Stephen's..... | Hazlehurst..... | 6 | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 1 | 1 | ... |
| Christ Church..... | Holly Springs | 7 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 3 | ... | ... | 5 | 82 | 9 | 8 | ... |
| Our Saviour..... | Juka..... | 6 | 2 | 8 | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | 15 | ... | 2 | ... |
| St. Andrew's | Jackson..... | 11 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 22 | 11 | 5 | ... | ... | 16 | 214 | 6 | 12 | ... |
| St. Philip's..... | Kirkwood | 1 | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 1 | ... | ... |
| St. Andrew's | Lamar..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| St. Mary's..... | Lexington..... | 17 | 1 | 18 | ... | 3 | ... | 3 | 5 | 1 | ... | ... | 6 | 17 | 4 | 1 | ... |
| St. John's, Early Grove | Marshall county .. | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 35 | ... | 1 | ... |

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| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | BAPTISMS. | | | COMMUNICANTS. | | | | | | | | | | Public Services on Sun- days. | Public Services on other days. | Holy Communion, pub- lic. | Holy Com'n, private. | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| | | Infants. | Adults. | Total. | Confirmations. | Added by Removal. | Admissions. | Whole No. Added. | Removed. | Died. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Whole No. lost. | Present Number. | | | | | Marriages. | Burials. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Marks..... | Raymond..... | 3 | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 | ..... | ..... | 26 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Epiphany..... | St. Elmo..... | 6 | ..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 | ..... | ..... | 10 | 1 | 4 | |
| St. Mathews..... | Clinton..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 2 | ..... |  |
| Holy Innocents..... | Como..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | ..... | ..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 | 1 | 2 | |
| Nativity..... | Macon..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Trinity..... | Natchez..... | 13 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 2 | ..... | 12 | 226 | 7 | 13 | 108 | 311 | 21 | |
| St. Peter's..... | Oxford..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 45 | ..... | ..... | 70 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Trinity..... | Pass Christian..... | 12 | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 44 | 3 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| St. James..... | Port Gibson..... | 6 | ..... | 6 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 49 | 5 | ..... | 46 | 20 | 3 | |
| Grace Church..... | Rosedale..... | 7 | ..... | 7 | 3 | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... | 80 | 12 | ..... |  |
| Ch. Redeemer..... | Sardis..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 20 | ..... | ..... | 38 | 3 | 3 | |
| Christ Church..... | Vicksburg..... | 17 | 1 | 18 | 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | 100 | 8 | 16 | 94 | 121 | 14 | |
| Holy Trinity..... | Vicksburg..... | 20 | 3 | 23 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 3 | 3 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 120 | 7 | 11 | 104 | 145 | 20 | |
| Immanuel..... | Winona..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 20 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 6 | 4 | |
| St. Paul's..... | Woodville..... | 7 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 13 | 14 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 93 | 4 | 7 | 65 | 23 | 9 | |
| Trinity..... | Yazoo..... | 7 | 2 | 9 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | ..... | 6 | 61 | 3 | 7 | 96 | 142 | 26 | |
| Chap. Holy Com'nion..... | Diamond Place..... | 11 | ..... | 11 | 4 | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 40 | 1 | 4 | |
| St. Ambrose..... | Edwards..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 4 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 27 | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Mediator..... | Meridian..... | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 37 | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | BAPTISMS. | | | Confirmations. | COMMUNICANTS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Infant. | Adults. | Total. | | Added by Removal. | Admissions. | Whole No. Added. | Removed. | Died. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Whole No. Lost. | Present Number. | | | | | | |
| St. Mary's..... | Enterprise..... | 9 | 2 | 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 38 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Grace Chapel..... | Scooba..... | 4 | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Missions at | Wood Lawn and } Shuqualak..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Good Shepherd | Terry..... | 2 | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 | ..... | 1 | 3 | 30 | 10 | 10 |
| St. Crystom | Vaiden..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Stephen's..... | Batesville | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | | | | | | |
| | | 219 | 48 | 316 | 135 | 45 | 109 | 155 | 79 | 40 | 9 | 5 | 118 | 1909 | 82 | 140 | 1750 | 1334 | 323 | 28 |

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TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | | | PARISH SCH. | | | CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | | TEACHERS. | | | SCHOLARS. | | | No. Teachers. | SCHOLARS. | | Com. Alms. | Missions. | Rector's Salary. |
| | | Males. | Females. | Total. | Other Officers. | Males. | Females. | | Males. | Females. | | | |
| | | Number. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Luke's | Brandon | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$200 00 |
| St. Mary's | Bolton | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 |
| Grace Church | Bay St. Louis | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Redeemer | Biloxi | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | ..... | 11 | 29 | 40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Alban's | Boytina | 1 | 2 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 3 | 9 | ..... | 22 20 | 5 50 | 91 00 |
| Grace | Canton | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 25 | 15 | 40 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 550 00 |
| Christ Church | Church Hill | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | ..... | 6 | 14 | 20 | ..... | 31 25 | ..... | 550 00 |
| St. Paul's | Columbus | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 149 00 | ..... | 1000 00 |
| Holy Comforter | Dry Grove | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 | ..... | 10 | 20 | 30 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 300 00 |
| All Saints | Grenada | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 | ..... | 15 | 25 | 40 | ..... | 47 15 | ..... | 1000 00 |
| St. James' | Greenville | 1 | 5 | 5 | ..... | ..... | 16 | 20 | 36 | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | 1000 00 |
| St. Stephen's | Hazlehurst | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 20 | ..... | 15 00 | ..... | 225 00 |
| Christ Church | Holly Springs | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 525 10 |
| Our Saviour | Luka | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 25 | ..... | 10 90 | ..... | ..... |
| St. Andrew's | Jackson | 3 | 15 | 45 | 60 | 3 | 250 | 250 | 500 | ..... | 105 42 | 844 33 | 1600 00 |
| St. Philips' | Kirkwood | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 30 | 6 85 | 20 00 |
| St. Andrew's | Lamar | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | ..... | 12 | 14 | 26 | ..... | 4 75 | ..... | 100 00 |
| St. Mary's | Lexington | 1 | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17 | ..... | 29 80 | ..... | 200 00 |
| St. John's, Early Grove | Marshall county ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 50 | ..... | 100 00 |

TABULAR STATEMENT--Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | | | PARISH SCH. SCHOLARS. | | | CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE. | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|-----------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| | | TEACHERS. | | | SCHOLARS. | | | No. Teachers. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Com. Alms. | Missions. | Rector's Salary. |
| | | Males. | Females. | Total. | Other Officers. | Males. | Females. | | | | | | | |
| Grace Chapel | Scooba | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 14 | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | 192 00 |
| Good Shepherd | Terry | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 14 | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | 200 00 |
| St. Chrysostom | Vaiden | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 14 | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | 300 00 |
| St. Stephen s | Batesville | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 14 | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | 28 50 |
| | | 32 53 | 166 | 141 23 | 450 | 641 | 1698 | 2 20 20 | 40 | 1176 08 | 1613 43 | 16 070 55 | | |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | CONTRIBUT'NS WITHIN THE DIOCESE. | | | | DIOCESAN. | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|
| | | PAROCHIAL. | | | Total. | Bishop's Salary. | Diocesan Missions. | Miscellaneous. | Total. |
| | | Parish Expenses. | Miscellaneous. | | | | | | |
| St. Luke..... | Brandon ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | ..... | ..... | 7 60 | ..... | 7 60 |
| St. Mary's..... | Bolton..... | 50 00 | ..... | 250 00 | ..... | ..... | 6 50 | ..... | 6 50 |
| Grace Church..... | Bay St. Louis..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Redeemer..... | Biloxi..... | 6 00 | ..... | 6 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 70 | 47 80 |
| St. Alban..... | Bovina | 137 00 | 5 00 | 260 70 | 41 80 | ..... | 6 50 | ..... | 48 30 |
| Grace..... | Canton | 49 50 | ..... | 654 50 | 100 00 | ..... | 14 15 | 8 00 | 122 15 |
| Christ Church..... | Church Hill | 123 55 | ..... | 704 80 | 70 00 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 80 00 |
| St. Paul's | Columbus..... | 447 00 | 282 00 | 1878 00 | 100 00 | ..... | 46 25 | ..... | 146 25 |
| Holy Comforter..... | Dry Grove..... | 25 00 | ..... | 335 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| All Saints..... | Grenada..... | 50 00 | 400 00 | 1497 15 | 88 00 | ..... | 19 95 | 6 00 | 113 35 |
| Christ Church..... | Holly Springs | 96 00 | ..... | 621 10 | 41 00 | ..... | 19 20 | 9 00 | 69 20 |
| Our Saviour..... | Iuka..... | 61 30 | ..... | 72 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Andrew's | Jackson..... | 427 40 | 760 33 | 3737 48 | 200 00 | ..... | 9 75 | 9 00 | 216 75 |
| St. Andrew's | Lamar..... | ..... | ..... | 104 75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Mary's..... | Lexington..... | ..... | ..... | 229 80 | 29 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 29 00 |
| St. John's, Early Grove..... | Marshall county ..... | ..... | ..... | 103 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 |
| Trinity..... | Natchez | 760 86 | 732 15 | 3608 19 | 345 00 | ..... | 33 10 | 21 00 | 399 10 |
| St. Peter's | Oxford..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60 00 |
| Trinity | Pass Christian..... | ..... | ..... | 600 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. James' | Port Gibson..... | 35 00 | 85 00 | 495 40 | 60 00 | ..... | 3 75 | 4 50 | 68 25 |
| Grace Church..... | Rosedale..... | 150 00 | ..... | 375 00 | 29 00 | ..... | 10 00 | 5 00 | 44 00 |
| Ch Redeemer..... | Sardis..... | | | 159 05 | 6 00 | | 3 90 | | 12 80 |
| Christ Church..... | Vicksburg..... | 206 30 | 15 40 | 2856 15 | 230 00 | | 12 40 | 9 00 | 251 40 |

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| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | CONTRIBUT'NS WITHIN THE DIOCESE. | | | | DIOCESAN. | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | PAROCHIAL. | | | Total. | Bishop's Salary. | Diocesan Missions. | Miscellaneous. | Total. |
| | | Parish Expenses. | Ex-Miscellaneous. | Miscellaneous. | | | | | |
| Holy Trinity..... | Vicksburg..... | ..... | 5150 00 | ..... | 5322 00 | 258 75 | 10 00 | 23 00 | 291 75 |
| Epiphany..... | St. Elmo..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 00 | 23 00 | ..... | 2 70 | 25 70 |
| Holy Innocents..... | Como..... | 2 00 | 200 40 | ..... | 367 10 | 40 00 | 10 35 | 1 00 | 51 35 |
| St. James'..... | Greenville..... | 181 70 | 250 00 | ..... | 1456 70 | 38 50 | 12 85 | ..... | 51 35 |
| St. Stephen's..... | Hazlehurst..... | 10 00 | 512 00 | ..... | 762 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Nativity..... | Macon..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 133 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | 4 00 |
| St. Marks..... | Raymond..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | 29 00 | 3 00 | ..... | 32 00 |
| Immanuel..... | Winona..... | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | 706 00 | 35 00 | ..... | ..... | 35 00 |
| St. Paul's..... | Woodville..... | 89 78 | 20 85 | ..... | 738 88 | 170 00 | 13 40 | 9 00 | 192 40 |
| Trinity..... | Yazoo..... | 200 00 | 85 00 | ..... | 1320 25 | 61 00 | 18 00 | 80 00 | 159 00 |
| Chap. Holy Communion..... | Diamond Place..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 88 | 12 00 | 15 00 | ..... | 27 00 |
| St. Ambrose..... | Edwards..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 95 | ..... | 1 00 | ..... | 1 00 |
| Missions at..... | Johnsonville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | 3 00 |
| St. Philip's..... | Kirkwood..... | ..... | 1 00 | ..... | 29 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mediator..... | Meridian..... | 500 00 | ..... | ..... | 620 00 | 42 00 | 6 00 | ..... | 48 00 |
| St. Mary's..... | Enterprise..... | 250 00 | ..... | ..... | 358 00 | 30 00 | 6 15 | ..... | 36 15 |
| Grace Chapel..... | Scooba..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 192 00 | 12 00 | ..... | 3 00 | 15 00 |
| Missions at..... | Woodlawn } Shuqualak } | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | 2 00 |
| Good Shepherd..... | Terry..... | 150 00 | ..... | ..... | 362 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Cryostom..... | Vaiden..... | 100 00 | ..... | ..... | 400 00 | 16 00 | ..... | ..... | 16 00 |
| St. Stephen's..... | Batesville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 28 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | | \$4408 39 | \$8498 73 | \$31,782 18 | | \$2203 05 | \$306 90 | \$198 80 | \$2778 15 |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. | | | | AGGREGATE. | CHURCHES. | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------|--------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Domestic Missions. | Foreign. | Miscellaneous. | Total. | | No. Churches | Settings No. |
| St. Luke..... | Brandon..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 207 60 | 1 | 200 |
| St. Mary's..... | Bolton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | 261 50 | 1 | 200 |
| Grace Church | Bay St. Louis..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | 15 00 | 1 | ..... |
| Redeemer..... | Biloxi..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 53 80 | 1 | 150 |
| St. Alban's..... | Bovina..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 309 00 | 1 | 150 |
| Grace..... | Canton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 776 65 | 1 | 175 |
| Christ Church..... | Church Hill..... | 9 55 | ..... | 2 45 | 12 00 | 796 80 | 1 | 200 |
| St. Pauls..... | Columbus..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2024 25 | 1 | 275 |
| Holy Comforter | Dry Grove..... | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 337 00 | 1 | 100 |
| All Saints..... | Grenada..... | ..... | ..... | 33 00 | 33 00 | 1644 10 | 1 | 300 |
| St. James..... | Greenville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1508 05 | 1 | 175 |
| Christ Church..... | Holly Springs..... | 6 00 | ..... | 8 50 | 14 50 | 704 80 | 1 | 300 |
| Our Saviour..... | Luka..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 72 20 | 1 | 175 |
| St. Andrew's | Jackson..... | ..... | ..... | 16 35 | 16 35 | 3970 58 | 1 | 400 |
| St. Philip's..... | Kirkwood..... | 6 80 | ..... | ..... | 6 85 | 36 00 | ..... | ..... |
| St. Andrew's..... | Lamar..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 104 75 | ..... | ..... |
| St. Mary's..... | Lexington..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 258 80 | 1 | 200 |
| St. John's, Early Grove..... | Marshall county..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 108 50 | 1 | 200 |
| Trinity..... | Natchez..... | ..... | ..... | 224 21 | 224 21 | 4231 50 | 1 | 600 |
| St. Peter's..... | Oxford..... | 4 10 | 10 91 | ..... | 15 01 | 65 01 | ..... | ..... |
| Trinity..... | Pass Christian..... | | | | | 600 00 | 1 | 300 |
| St. James..... | Port Gibson..... | 6 25 | | 5 00 | 11 25 | 574 90 | | |
| Epiphany..... | St. Elmo..... | | | | | 95 70 | 1 | 100 |

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| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. | | | | AGGREGATE. | CHURCHES. | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| | | Domestic Missions. | Foreign. | Miscellaneous. | Total. | | Churches. | Sittings No. |
| Holy Innocents | Como..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 418 45 | 1 | 200 |
| St. Stephens..... | Hazlehurst..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 2 00 | 764 00 | 1 | ..... |
| Naivety..... | Macon..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 137 00 | 1 | ..... |
| St. Marks..... | Raymond..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 132 00 | 1 | 200 |
| Grace..... | Rosedale..... | 1 75 | ..... | ..... | 1 75 | 420 75 | 1 | ..... |
| Ch. Redeemer..... | Sardis..... | ..... | ..... | 1 75 | 1 75 | 173 60 | 1 | 200 |
| Christ Church..... | Vicksburg..... | 7 70 | 29 35 | 17 75 | 54 80 | 3162 35 | 1 | 400 |
| Holy Trinity..... | Vicksburg..... | 25 00 | ..... | 50 00 | 75 00 | 5688 95 | 1 | ..... |
| Immanuel..... | Winona..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 740 00 | 1 | 250 |
| St. Paul's..... | Woodville..... | 7 40 | ..... | 5 00 | 12 40 | 943 68 | 1 | 200 |
| Trinity..... | Yazoo..... | 4 00 | ..... | 5 75 | 9 75 | 1489 00 | 1 | 275 |
| Chapel Holy Communion..... | Diamond Place..... | 3 00 | ..... | 17 00 | 20 00 | 72 88 | ..... | ..... |
| St. Ambrose..... | Edwards..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 95 | ..... | ..... |
| Mission at..... | Johnsonville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mediator..... | Meridian..... | ..... | ..... | 10 35 | 10 35 | 678 35 | 1 | ..... |
| St. Mary's..... | Enterprise..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 394 15 | 1 | ..... |
| Grace Chapel..... | Scooba..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 207 00 | 1 | ..... |
| Missions at..... | Woodlawn..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... |
| Good Shepherd..... | Shuqualak..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 1 | ..... |
| St. Chrysostom..... | Terry..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 362 00 | 1 | 100 |
| St. Stephen's..... | Vaiden..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 416 00 | 1 | ..... |
| | Batesville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 28 50 | ..... | ..... |
| | | \$83 60 | \$42 26 | \$402 11 | \$527 97 | \$35,018 80 | 36 | 6022 |

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | Chapels No. | Recto- ries. | Estimated value of Churches, or Chapels | Value of Rectories. | Value of other property. | Total. |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| St. Luke's..... | Brandon..... | ..... | ..... | 5000 00 | ..... | ..... | 5000 00 |
| St. Mary's..... | Bolton..... | ..... | ..... | 1500 00 | ..... | 700 00 | 2200 00 |
| Redeemer..... | Biloxi..... | ..... | ..... | 2500 00 | ..... | ..... | 2500 00 |
| St. Alban's..... | Bovina..... | ..... | ..... | 1000 00 | ..... | 75 00 | 1075 00 |
| Grace..... | Canton..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Christ Church..... | Church Hill..... | ..... | ..... | 3000 00 | ..... | 3000 00 | 6000 00 |
| St. Paul's..... | Columbus..... | ..... | 1 | 10,000 00 | 3500 00 | ..... | 13,500 00 |
| Holy Comforter..... | Dry Grove..... | ..... | 1 | 2000 00 | 2000 00 | ..... | 4000 00 |
| All Saints'..... | Grenada..... | ..... | 1 | 7000 00 | 3000 00 | 2000 00 | 12,000 00 |
| Christ Church..... | Holly Springs..... | ..... | ..... | 10,000 50 | ..... | 150 00 | 11,500 00 |
| Our Saviour..... | Juka..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 00 | ..... | ..... | 1200 00 |
| St. Andrew's..... | Jackson..... | ..... | 1 | 12,000 00 | 5000 00 | ..... | 17,000 00 |
| St. Mary's..... | Lexington..... | ..... | ..... | 2500 00 | ..... | ..... | 2500 00 |
| St. John's, Early Grove..... | Marshall County..... | ..... | 1 | 2000 00 | 1500 00 | ..... | 3500 00 |
| Trinity..... | Natchez..... | ..... | 1 | 8000 00 | 7500 00 | ..... | 15,500 00 |
| St. James'..... | Port Gibson..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1500 00 | 125 00 | 1625 00 |
| Grace..... | Rosedale..... | ..... | ..... | 2000 00 | ..... | ..... | 2000 00 |
| Church of the Redeemer..... | Sardis..... | ..... | ..... | 3000 00 | ..... | ..... | 3000 00 |
| Holy Trinity..... | Vicksburg..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Immanuel..... | Winona..... | ..... | 1 | 5000 00 | 1200 00 | ..... | 6250 50 |
| St. Paul's..... | Woodville..... | ..... | 1 | 3000 00 | 1500 00 | ..... | 4500 00 |
| Epiphany..... | St. Elmo..... | ..... | ..... | 1200 00 | 800 00 | 250 00 | 2250 00 |
| St. Matthew's..... | Clinton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 200 00 |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Continued.

| PARISHES. | LOCATION. | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. | | | | AGGREGATE. | CHURCHES. | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Domestic Missions. | Foreign. | Miscellaneous. | Total. | | Churches No. | Sittings No. |
| Holy Innocents | Como..... | | | | | 418 45 | 1 | 200 |
| St. Stephens..... | Hazlehurst..... | | 2 00 | | 2 00 | 764 00 | 1 | |
| Nativity..... | Macon..... | | | | | 137 00 | 1 | |
| St. Marks..... | Raymond..... | | | | | 132 00 | 1 | 200 |
| Grace..... | Rosedale..... | 1 75 | | | 1 75 | 420 75 | 1 | |
| Ch. Redeemer..... | Sardis..... | | | | | 173 60 | 1 | 200 |
| Christ Church..... | Vicksburg..... | 7 70 | 29 35 | 17 75 | 54 80 | 3182 35 | 1 | 400 |
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| Immanuel..... | Winona..... | | | | | 740 00 | 1 | 250 |
| St. Paul's..... | Woodville..... | 7 40 | | 5 00 | 12 40 | 943 68 | 1 | 200 |
| Trinity | Yazoo..... | 4 00 | | 5 75 | 9 75 | 1489 00 | 1 | 275 |
| Chapel Holy Communion | Diamond Place..... | 3 00 | | 17 00 | 20 00 | 72 88 | | |
| St. Ambrose..... | Edwards..... | | | | | 7 95 | | |
| Mission at | Johnsonville..... | | | | | 3 00 | | |
| Mediator..... | Meridian..... | | | 10 35 | 10 35 | 678 35 | 1 | |
| St. Mary's..... | Enterprise..... | | | | | 394 15 | 1 | |
| Grace Chapel..... | Scobaa..... | | | | | 207 00 | 1 | |
| Missions at..... | Woodlawn..... | | | | | | 1 | |
| Good Shepherd..... | Shuqualak..... | | | | | 2 00 | 1 | |
| St. Chrysostom..... | Terry..... | | | | | 362 00 | 1 | 100 |
| St. Stephen's..... | Vaiden..... | | | | | 416 00 | 1 | |
| | Batesville..... | | | | | 28 50 | | |
| | | \$83 60 | \$42 26 | \$402 11 | \$527 97 | \$35,018 80 | 36 | 6022 |

CANON IX.—(As amended and adopted in 1881.)**OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND THE DUTIES OF THE STATISTICIAN.**

SECTION 1. The statistical year of this Diocese shall extend from the 1st day of January to and including the 31st day of December of each year, coinciding with the civil year; and the Parochial Reports shall be made immediately after the 31st of December, in each Parish and Mission Station, and sent to the Statistician of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to send to each Parish a form of Parochial Report at some time previous to the 31st of December of each year. He shall also send to each Mission Station in the Diocese, a similar form or one devised to meet the needs of the Mission Stations; or where Mission Stations are under the charge of a Missionary, he may send such forms to the Missionary, one for each Station.

SEC. 3. The Statistician shall keep a List of all Parishes and Mission Stations in the Diocese, and shall make record of all forms sent out and to whom sent, and of all reports received. On the 1st of each month following the 1st of January, or oftener if necessary, he shall send circulars to all Parishes and Mission Stations which have not made report to him, calling their attention to the omission; and shall make especial endeavor to obtain reports and statistical information from all points in the Diocese where Church work is being done, or where Church families reside.

SEC. 4. The Statistician shall keep a book or books, in which he shall record in tabular form the Statistical information thus obtained by him, with such notes as may seem to him proper to be made. He shall place this book or books before the Finance Committee and the Committee on the State of the Church, at the meeting of each Council, together with a statement of such items of information appropriate to the subject of deliberation of each Committee as may seem to him to call for special notice. He may be summoned by the Chairman of each Committee to attend the deliberations of that Committee and shall give such information in his department as he may possess.

SEC. 5. The Statistician shall furnish to the Treasurer of the Diocese, upon his application, any information in his possession which the Treasurer may desire. He shall also furnish to the Secretary of the Council, a corrected list of Parishes and Mission Stations, for publication in the Journal; and such other information in his possession as the Secretary may call for.

SEC. 6. The Statistician shall make a yearly report to the Council of the Statistical Summary for the whole Diocese for the preceding year, with a statement of his own acts, and of his receipts and disbursement. He shall furnish to the Finance Committee an estimate of his expenses for the current year, which amount shall be added by them to the assessment for the Contingent Fund, and shall be paid from that fund.

FORM OF CHARTER.

THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE PARISH OF _____,
LOCATED AT _____, IN THE COUNTY OF _____, AND
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

We, whose names are hereunto written, being members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and desirous to act as an organized body, under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, do hereby associate ourselves together and form a Congregation or Parish for the public worship of Almighty God, and adopt the following Articles of Association :

ARTICLE I.

We acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, and claim the right to hold such property, for the purposes of this organization, as by the laws of the State of Mississippi religious societies, congregations or ecclesiastical bodies are entitled to hold, and we claim all of the rights, powers and privileges, including the right to sue, and be sued, in our corporate name, which are given by the laws of the State of Mississippi to religious societies, congregations or ecclesiastical bodies when incorporated under the general laws authorizing the forming of such corporations.

ARTICLE II.

The name of this Society, Congregation or Parish, shall be _____, located in the town or city of _____, in the county of _____, in the State of Mississippi.

ARTICLE III.

This Society, Congregation or Parish, shall exist in perpetuity as a corporate body.

ARTICLE IV.

We hereby appoint the following named persons from our own Body, Society Congregation or Parish, to be Wardens and Vestrymen, for the purpose of managing the affairs of this corporate body, under the laws of this State, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mis-

Mississippi, who shall hold their offices as such, until Easter Monday next, and until their successors are duly chosen, viz :

_____, *Senior Warden.*

_____, *Junior Warden.*

_____ } *Vestrymen.*

Adopted and subscribed with our names, this _____ day of _____, A. D., 188____ at _____, in the county of _____, and State of Mississippi, and the same has been recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose of recording the proceedings of this Society, Congregation or Parish as required by law.

Names of Incorporators subscribed hereto with our own hands.

N. B. This Charter of Incorporation must be submitted to the Governor of the State, who will take the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether there are any constitutional or other legal objections to it. If he approves it, he will write his approval at the bottom of it, and sign his name thereto, and cause the Great Seal of the State to be affixed thereto by the Secretary of State. It is then to be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State. A Parish so organized will be entitled to be admitted into union with the Council of the Diocese, and be represented in that body by Delegates. "The application for admission into union with the Council, should be accompanied with the written evidence," subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that the Parish has been duly organized, and has acceded to the Constitution and Canons of the Church. The original organization, or a certified copy thereof, by the Secretary of State, would be the best written evidence that could be furnished.

See Article IV, of the Constitution of the Church, and Section 1 and 2 of Canon 1, of the Canons of the Diocese.

Code of Mississippi, 1880, Chapter 38, Sections 1027, 1028, 1071 and 1872.

This being a religious Society, no publication is necessary previous to organizing.

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Secretary.

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REV. UPTON B. BOWDEN, Missionary, Summit, McComb City, etc.

REV. W. P. BROWNE, Rector Grace Church, Canton,

REV. WM. CROSS, Missionary at Bolton, Bovina, etc.

REV. CHURCHILL EASTON,* residing in Kentucky.

REV. JAMES FOSTER,* residing in Ohio.

REV. JOHN FOSTER,* residing in Tennessee.

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REV. BENJAMIN HALSTEAD, Rector St. Mary's Church, Lexington.

REV. EMIR HAMVASY, L.L. D., Rector Holy Innocent's Church, Como.

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REV. I. W. TURNER, Rector St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

REV. OLIVER WILSON, Rector Grace Church, Rosedale.

REV. T. R. B. TRADER has been laboring some time in the Diocese, but has not yet presented his Letters Dimissory.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

NORMAND HARRIS, EDWARD D. JUNY, JOHN AUGUSTUS HARRIS.

CANDIDATE FOR PRIEST'S ORDERS.

CARL M. VON BUREN.

* Not called in Council.



List of Parishes

Which Elected Lay Delegates to the Council of 1882,

WITH THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATES.

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ST. JOHN'S, ABERDEEN

DELEGATE—Q. O. Eckford.

ST. LUKE'S, BRANDON.

DELEGATE—P. Henry.

ST. ALBAN'S, BOVINA.

DELEGATES—James I. Fox, H. V. Noland.

ALTERNATES—Dr. Wm. Barr, Geo. Batchelor.

REDEEMER, BILOXI.

DELEGATES—Maj. W. T. Walthall, Chas. Schumann.

ALTERNATE—Harry C. James.

ST. PAUL'S, COLUMBUS.

DELEGATES—C. H. Cocke, L. M. Tucker, J. W. Soady.

GRACE, CANTON.

DELEGATES—Wm. Priestly, Eugene Conway, S. S. Callhoun.

ALTERNATES—I. L. Gray, J. W. Baughn, J. W. Conway.

HOLY INNOCENT'S, COMO.

DELEGATES—N. R. Sledge, John P. Wallace.

ST. JAMES', GREENVILLE.

DELEGATES—Dr. John Seay, John M. Moore, C. M. Bolton.

ALTERNATES—B. M. Bolton, W. A. Pollock.

ALL SAINTS, GRENADA.

DELEGATES—A. C. Leigh, B. C. Adams, Jr., Geo. Herbert, Jr.

ALTERNATES—J. M. Bishop, B. C. Adams, Sr., Geo. L. Austin.

ST. ANDREW'S, JACKSON.

DELEGATES—P. P. Bailey, G. D. Sidway, Oliver Clifton.

ALTERNATES—M. Green, D. P. Porter, W. S. Hamilton.

ST. JAMES', PORT GIBSON.

DELEGATES—Dr. T. B. Magruder, N. S. Walker, R. W. Magruder.

ALTERNATES—A. J. Lewis, J. D. Vertner, R. A. Owen.

ST. MARY'S, LEXINGTON.

DELEGATE—R. K. Jones, M. D.

TRINITY, NATCHEZ.

DELEGATES—Jos. D. Shields, Geo. M. Marshall, Robert S. Dixon.

ALTERNATES—Chas. Stietenroth, A. D. Campbell, F. S. Shields.

ST. PETER'S, OXFORD.

DELEGATES—S. W. E. Pegues, P. H. Skipwith, C. W. Sears.

TRINITY, PASS CHRISTIAN.

DELEGATES—Geo. N. Smith, Geo. Sherman.

ALTERNATES—Geo. Brandt, Seth Thornton.

ST. MARK'S, RAYMOND.

DELEGATES—Dr. R. L. Bogle, Hamilton Sively.

GOOD SHEPHERD, TERRY.

DELEGATES—W. H. Fitzhugh, F. H. Seals, E. M. Grant.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

DELEGATES—E. D. Farrar, J. F. Baum, A. M. Lea.

ALTERNATES—A. Warner, J. B. Browne, H. Wright, Jr.

HOLY TRINITY, VICKSBURG.

DELEGATES—Dr. G. W. Howard, A. B. Pittman, Murray F. Smith

ALTERNATES—E. S. Butts, R. V. Booth, H. F. Simrall.

ST. PAUL'S, WOODVILLE.

DELEGATES—B. H. Wailes, J. A. D. Beaumont, C. P. Neilson.

ALTERNATE—T. V. Noland.

IMMANUEL, WINONA.

DELEGATES—Frank Hawkins, J. C. Purnell.

ALTERNATES—E. R. Armistead, Frank Hawkins, Jr.

TRINITY CHURCH, YAZOO CITY.

DELEGATES—J. W. Champlin, Alex. Smith, Roscoe Barnett.

ALTERNATES—Wm. R. Hyatt, E. T. Eggleston, W. H. Richardson

EPIPHANY, ST. ELMO.

DELEGATES—C. R. Byrnes, Jr., E. H. Reagan.

ST. MARY'S, BOLTON.

DELEGATES—S. A. Hinds, H. Walton, E. F. Baldwin.

ALTERNATES—Harry Peyton, John W. Todd.

ST. MATTHEW'S, CLINTON.

DELEGATES—Geo. B. Lewis.

ST. AMBROSE EDWARDS.

DELEGATE—Chas. E. Mackey, Alfred Fischer.

ALTERNATE—Wm. Pinfield, Edmund Fischer.

NOTE.—See Appendix for List of Parishes entitled to be represented in the Council of 1882, furnished by the Statistician.



Rules of Order.

1. The Council shall be opened on the first day with full service, including Council Sermon, (the preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Council,) and the Celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day with morning prayer.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member who shall be in the Council when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Council unless seconded, and when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it for a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, amend it or divide it--and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay on the table or to adjourn shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Council is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The report of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion, unless recommitted by vote of the Council. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion, by the Council, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Council thereon.

13. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same question shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert be indivisible.

14. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate, but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without the leave of the Council.

15. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendments to such amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute for the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The first thing in order after the Council is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council for the ensuing year.

2. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Council, and the reading of said rules by the Secretary.

3. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz: 1st. On Credentials; 2d. On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d. On the State of the Church; 4th. On Finance; 5th. On Constitutions and Canons; 6th. On Diocesan Schools; 7th. On Unfinished Business.

4. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Council.

5. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

6. Reading of the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

7. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and address.

8. The election of Diocesan Officers:—1st. Members of the Standing Committee; 2d. Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d. Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi; 4th. Trustees of General Theological Seminary; 5th. Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th. Deputies to General Convention; 7th. Any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

9. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

10. The reading of Reports from Committees appointed by the last Council.

11. Designation of time and place for holding the next Council.

12. Report of Standing Committees.

13. Report from Special Committees.

14. General Motions, Resolutions and Propositions.

Proceedings of the Council.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG
April 19th, 1882.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Mississippi, assembled at this this morning, pursuant to appointment.

The Bishop and Clergy entered the church in procession ing the 202d Hymn of the Hymnal.

Morning Prayer was begun by Rev. Alex. Marks read the Lessons; the Absolution was pronounced by the Bishop Stephen H. Green, of Texas, read the Lessons; Rev. Benj stand read the Creed; Rev. Wm. Munford said the remain the Prayers and the Litany.

The Ante Communion Service was read by Rt. Rev. Adams, D. D., to the Epistle, which was read by Rev. Bowden. The Gospel was read by Rev. Wm. Cross.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Tucker D., of Jackson, from the Text, St. James I—19th and verses.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the I assisted by Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. H. S. D. D., Rev. Emir Hamvasy, D. D., L.L.D., and Rev. Ben stand.

The Bishop and Clergy left the church singing the 192d of the Hymnal, as a recessional.

After an interval, the Bishop of the Diocese entered, to chair, and called the Council to order.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy, and the following answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., L.L. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. Upton B. Bowden, Rev. Wm. P. Browne, Rev. Wm. Cross, Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Emir Hamvasy, D. D., L.L. D., Rev. Edward C. Laughlin, Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. Alexander Marks, Rev. Melville M. Moore, Rev. Wm. C. McCracken, Rev. Wm. Munford, Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. A. J. Tardy, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. Oliver Wilson.

The Chair then appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates, to-wit:

Rev. M. M. Moore, Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D.

The Credentials of Lay Delegates were then laid on the Secretary's table, and by him, handed to the Committee, who examined and reported certificates in order from eighteen Parishes. Delegates from twelve of that number answered to their names as follows:

St. Paul's, Columbus—J. W. Soady.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg—G. W. Howard, M. D., A. B. Pittman, Murray F. Smith.

Christ Church, Vicksburg—E. D. Farrar, J. F. Baum, A. M. Lea.

St. James', Port Gibson—A. J. Lewis.

All Saint's Grenada—B. C. Adams, Jr., A. C. Leigh, Geo. Herbert, Jr.

Good Shepherd, Terry—W. H. Fitzhugh.

St. John's, Aberdeen—Q. O. Eckford.

St. Andrew's, Jackson—Peter P. Bailey, G. D. Sidway.

Immanuel, Winona—J. C. Purnell.

Grace Church, Canton—Eugene Conway, J. L. Gray, (Alternate.)

Trinity, Natchez—Jos. D. Shields, Robert S. Dixon.

St. James', Greenville—Dr. John Seay.

The Chair then announced that a constitutional quorum was present for the transaction of business.

On motion of J. D. Shields, the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot, was suspended, and Peter P. Bailey was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, by a "*vive voce*" vote. The Secretary thereupon appointed Rev. Wm. Cross, Assistant Secretary, who accepted and took his seat at the Secretary's desk.

On motion of the same, it was

Resolved, That the "Rules of Order" of the last Council, be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Council.

Before this was adopted, however, an *amendment* was offered by the Rev. M. M. Moore, making Rule No. 6, of the Order of Business, to be the reading of the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property. This was accepted by the mover, and the resolution as *amended*, was adopted. The Secretary to correct the numbers of the Rules; who, thereupon, read the Rules of Order and the Order of Business.

On motion of Dr. Sansom, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen, not members of this Council, be invited to seats in the Council, and that such persons who may be present, and shall accept this invitation, are requested to leave their names at the Secretary's desk.

Whereupon, Rev. Stephen H. Green, Dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, Texas, appeared and took a seat.

The Chair then appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

Rev. Messrs. Edmund C. Laughlin, William P. Browne and William Cross.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Messrs. Alex. Marks, Wm. C. McCracken, Nowell Logan, Wm. Munford, and M. M. Moore, and Messrs. G. W. Howard, M. D. and A. C. Leigh.

ON FINANCE.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., and Messrs. A. B. Pittman, G. D. Sidway, M. F. Smith and J. D. Shields.

ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. Wm. Munford and Messrs. P. P. Bailey, A. B. Pittman, Oliver Clifton and Q. O. Eckford.

ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. Fred. A. Juny, D. D., Rev. Geo. C. Harris, D. D.,
Rev. A. J. Tardy, Rev. Oliver Wilson, and Rev. W. Turner.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. Nowell Logan, and Messrs. W. H. Fitzhugh and R. S. Dixon.

P. P. Bailey, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund of the Council, made his report,* and also reported on the General Convention Assessment Fund;* both of which reports were, upon motion of the Treasurer, referred to the Committee on Finance.

P. P. Bailey then made a report for the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, and Church Property.* He also reported as Treasurer of the said Board of Trustees,* both of which reports, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

P. P. Bailey also made report as Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund,* which, on his motion, was also referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. C. L. Anderson's report* of collections of notes for the sale of the Coreoran Lands, with a list of notes uncollected, were referred, on motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, to Committee on Finance.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., then moved that the Council do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock, which was carried, and the Council adjourned.

* These several reports will be found in the Appendix.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1882.

The Council assembled at half-past nine o'clock, A. M., as per adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by Revs. Messrs E. C. Laughlin, Nowell Logan, U. B. Bowden and Henry Sansom, D. D.

The Bishop of the Diocese took the chair.

On the Council coming to order, the Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates.

The committee on Credentials reported favorably on six additional certificates.

A quorum was found to be present.

The proceedings of the day previous were read and approved.

The Treasurer of the Diocese then read his report, which was, on motion of G. W. Howard, M. D., referred to the Committee Finance. (See Appendix for the report.)

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, as follows :



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other year of life and opportunity has been vouchsafed
d grant that it may not prove hereafter, a swift witness
any one of us, in that great day of account. To the outer
cal world it has been a time of events fraught with most
essons to both nations and individuals. To the fatal work
ssassin has come the successive scourge of drought, and
flood, and an unheard of number of what the world calls
s; to which dark list may be added the taking away of
our most distinguished fellow-country men. Nor has the
been without its keen though kindly-meant reproofs. In
h of the Rt. Rev. John B. Kerfoot, D. D., L.L. D., the
op of Pittsburg, that Diocese is not a solitary mourner.
d Church, of many Dioceses, claims the privilege of weep-
his bier, as that of one who had faithfully done his work,
no doubtful mark on the page which records the roll of
erican Episcopate. To an unusual degree of promptness
decision and action, there was added in Bishop Kerfoot an
piety, a love of hard work, a mind well stored with varied
ound learning, and a passionate devotion to the training
oung. As a christian educator, he has left no superior to
him.

as our own more limited portion of the Church been with-
dmonition and its losses. In the death of that venerable
h, the Rev. James A. Fox, death seems to have effaced

the oldest landmark that remained to guide us to the birth-place, and tell us of the early struggles of our Diocesan infancy. If a blameless life of eighty-eight years, and a faithful ministry of fifty-eight years have any claim to remembrance, well may we revere the memory of that good man and faithful Priest. For of him it may truly be said, if of any man, that the friends who knew him best were ever the readiest and heartiest in his praise. Indeed, none could be said to have known him *well*, beyond the narrow circle of home and its surroundings; for over a mind well stored with the wisdom of both worlds, a judgment matured by long experience, and a piety which none could question there was spread the veil of a gentle and retiring modesty which Nature's Artist had made to adorn, rather than to hide, what lay beneath. To his bereaved family and parish, the Diocese of which he was so long a member, now tenders, through its Bishop and representatives, its sympathy and its prayers.

(Whilst my pen was writing the above, I was startled and distressed by hearing, that since my late visit to Church Hill, Mr. Robert Cox, a leading and most influential member of that parish, had been called away by death. Among the repeated calamities which have come upon that community, the death of this good man may be ranked among the sorest as well as the latest. In his unexpected decease the Diocese loses a most worthy member, the Bishop a warm-hearted friend, and the Parish one of its most liberal supporters. Of his loss to his family we presume not to speak; but we are not forbidden to *feel*.)

To the death of this revered patriarch, we may now add another loss that has come upon our Clerical rank; not in the form of death, but of that change of place to which our Clergy are often necessarily subjected. It was with unfeigned reluctance, though with full approval, that I transferred the Rev. Dr. Douglas to an adjoining Diocese. His long and faithful services had justly endeared him not only to his Bishop, and his fellow-laborers, but to the whole Diocese; in every portion of which he was known and loved, for his varied learning, his unsparing labor, and his self-sacrificing devotion to the call of duty. We tender him our kind remembrance and best wishes in his new home.

The record of my feeble labors during the past twelve months is as follows:

In the city of Jackson, on the day after the adjournment of our last Council, (being the 4th Sunday after Easter,) I admitted William Cross to the Order of Deacons. The sermon was, at the request of the candidate, by the Dev. Dr. Douglas, who also presented him. At 4 P. M., accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Tucker and several of the Clergy, I visited the Penitentiary; where, after addresses made by the Rector and Rev. Mr. Munford, I confirmed four of the convicts. After service, at 8 P. M., I conferred the same rite on thirteen candidates, the greater portion of whom were youths who had won their title to this high privilege by a diligent attention to the instruction of their Pastor.

On my way home I was too unwell to stop, as I desired, at Ripley, Corinth and Iuka; and continued in a low state of health during the next three months.

May 23d—I received the Rev. A. J. Tardy, from the Diocese of Louisiana.

July 19th—Heard, with regret, of the death of Rt. Rev. John B. Kerfoot, D. D., L.L. D., Bishop of Pittsburg.

August 4th—I presided at the commencement exercises of the University of the South; but was too unwell to deliver my usual address. A few days after, I set out for the "White Sulphur Springs," in Virginia, and became extremely ill on the way. After a brief confinement, I continued my journey; and by the blessing of God on the water of that healing fountain, was enabled to return to my family in greatly improved health.

Aug. 24th—Transferred the Rev. John B. Linn to the Missionary Diocese of Northern Texas.

Oct. 11th—I set out on my Fall visitation.

My first visit was to Rosedale, where I found that little flock as zealous as ever, but without a Pastor; the Rev. Mr. Prosser having just left them, after two or three years of faithful labor. I preached on the evening of Saturday the 15th, and again the next day. On Monday, I baptised, in private, two adults and two children and confirmed one person. Since I left them, I have heard, that to their beautiful and well-furnished Church, they are adding a neat and commodious Rectory. No congregation within my knowledge has done more, with like slender means, towards

providing a house for the Lord. I pray that He now help them to a Pastor after His own heart.

Oct. 18th-20th—Was spent in Greenville, where I baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *one* person.

The 22d and 23d were given to Johnstonville. On Sunday, the 23d, I preached, baptized *nine* children, and confirmed *eight* persons. If it had not been for an incessant rain, there would have been several more candidates for both of these holy rites. A finer opening for Missionary labor could not well be desired. As my health was again giving way, I had to request the assistance of the venerable Dr. Catchings, in some parts of the service. To the labors of this village patriarch and his family, the church is indebted under God for its present auspicious beginning.

On Tuesday, the 24th, I was, by appointment, to have been at Rolling Fork; but was compelled to forego that duty on account of my inability to endure a very rough conveyance over a road made worse than usual by the late rains. On my way back, at Greenville, I took part in the performance of a marriage service.

I had appointed Sunday, the 30th, for services in St. John's Church, at the foot of Lake Washington. On arriving in the neighborhood, I was told that the building was in too ruinous a condition to be used. In order to satisfy myself, I rode to the church, and found it a *ruin* indeed, though a beautiful one. When first built, thirty-five years ago, by the Hamptons and Turnbells and McCalebs, it was indeed "a thing of beauty" and a model of Church architecture. The revolutions of a single life-time have so changed the surrounding population as to have scarcely one man or woman to guard it from profane and violent hands. I could but see in it a fitting realization of the picture drawn of old, by that plaintive Prophet: "The ways of Zion do mourn. How does the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! Among all her lovers, there is none to comfort her." It was, whilst viewing, with sorrowing heart, its prostrate spire, its shattered windows, its unhinged doors and the beastly defilement of its floor, that I had the further affliction of so falling as to break and to dislocate one of my arms. After an enforced confinement of six days at the house of a kind and hospitable friend, I resumed my journeyings.

Nov. 9th—In passing through Vicksburg, I baptized an infant, at Evening Prayer, in Christ Church.

The following day, I was greatly cheered by the unexpected arrival of my son, Rev. Stephen H. Greene, from Dallas, Texas, who had heard of my injury, and though unwell himself, had hastened to my assistance. Of the great help which he was to me, during the remainder of my visitation, I will only say that without it I would have been forced to end my visitation at once.

Upon him, I was compelled to devolve much of both pulpit and chancel services, as well as the sole administration of the Holy Communion. If I had had his assistance a few days sooner, I would not have been compelled, as I was, to forego my appointments at Bovina, Edwards, Bolton, Raymond and Clinton.

I reached Terry on the 11th, and was there met by Rev. Dr. Douglas. After Morning Prayer, Mr. Greene preached, at my request. The services of the evening were prevented by unfavorable weather. Another sermon was delivered by Mr. Greene, on the following evening.

Sunday, the 13th, was to have been given to Dry Grove; but I felt that my disabled condition would not allow me to bear the roughness of the ride. It was at the special request of Mr. Upton B. Bowden, that that time and place had been appointed for his Ordination; as it was there that he had received his earlier preparation for the ministry. But, under existing circumstances, it was thought better to perform that service at Terry. Accordingly, on Sunday, 13th, Mr. Bowden was duly ordained to be a Deacon in Christ's Holy Catholic Church. The sermon and the presentation of the candidate were by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, who, for several years, had been his instructor. At the conclusion of the services *two* persons were confirmed. On this occasion, as on all others of this visitation, the administration of the Holy Communion was devolved on my son, owing to my not having the full use of my hands. At 7 P. M., Mr. Bowden preached by my appointment. I was pleased to learn that the congregation was earnestly projecting the building of a rectory; and that more than half the necessary amount was already in the hands of one of the vestry.

The 14th and 15th were given to Crystal Springs. The Methodist place of worship was kindly tendered for our use, as ours was in an unsafe condition. On the 15th, A. M., I preached; Mr. Greene administered the Holy Communion and baptized *two* adults. At the same time *five* candidates received the laying-on-of-hands. Sermon and service in the evening by Mr. Greene.

The church building at this place was so imperfectly constructed at first, that it now requires either to be remodeled, or to be supplanted by one of superior workmanship. More than half the required cost is now in hand.

Nor. 16th and 17th, were spent in Hazlehurst. On the 17th, Prayers, Sermon and Holy Communion by Mr. Greene. In the evening, I preached, and confirmed *two* persons. I was here joined by Rev. Mr. Bowden, to whom I had assigned the charge of this place together with Summit, Brookhaven and McComb City.

The 18th and 19th, were given to Brookhaven. On the 19th, Morning Prayer, Sermon, Holy Communion and the baptism of *one* adult, by Rev. Mr. Greene; after which *three* candidates received the laying-on-of-hands; *one* other, confined by sickness, having previously received that rite in private.

Sunday and Monday, the 20th and 21st, were devoted to Summit. At 10 A. M., on Sunday, Mr. Greene performed the funeral offices for a deceased child of the congregation. At 11 o'clock, Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion by Mr. Greene. In the afternoon, we rode over to McComb City, for service in the evening, and returned to Summit after night. Monday 21st, I preached, and Mr. Greene baptized *three* infants. At 7 P. M., Sermon by Mr. Greene, and *two* confirmed. On Tuesday, 22d, after service and a sermon, *three* others, in like manner, renewed and sealed their baptismal vows.

In the afternoon, we were again at McComb City. Services had been appointed for the evening, but so heavy and unceasing was the rain, that no congregation could be got together. Hearing that there was *one* candidate for confirmation, I thought it my duty to wade to the church, rather than to fail in meeting him.

Nov. 22d—Received notice from Rev. Carl M. von Buren, of

on to become a candidate for Priest Orders, in our

Nov. 24th—(Thanksgiving Day,) I was at Magnolia. Prayer and Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Greene. At 7 p. m. I preached and confirmed *one* person. I was here met and the Rev. A. S. Clark, of the Diocese of Louisiana, at my request had, for some time, been giving monthly both this place and Osyka.

Friday 25th—After Morning prayer, Litany, and Sermon by Mr. Greene, *one* candidate received the Rite of Confirmation. *Two* children were, at my request, baptized by Mr. Greene. On Sunday 27th, I preached in the forenoon, and Mr. Greene in the evening. There were no candidates for Confirmation, the congregation is seemingly doing well under the Rev. Mr. Browne.

29th—On arriving at Durant, I found, after revising appointments, that I must give up either Kosciusko or Durant; and, as a large fire had, the night before, burned a large portion of the former, and thus thrown things into confusion, I resolved to pass on to Lexington, where I spent the following days. Several services were held and discourses

Nov. 30th—(St. Andrew's Day,) the Holy Communion was administered, and *three* confirmed. The zeal and labors of the flock and its venerable Pastor are much to be commended. Towards building up the Church of God among them, I may say, they "have done what they could."

Dec. 3d, I reached Vaiden, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Halstead, Wilson and Greene. Inclement weather forbade services appointed for that evening. The next morning *two* persons were confirmed in private. At 11 o'clock, their neat little Church was, in due form, set apart to the service of God by the name of "*St. Clement's*." The sermon was preached by myself; and the services by Messrs. Halstead, Greene and Wilson. In the afternoon, I passed up to Winona; Mr. Greene accompanied me in the evening, and I on the following day.

and Wednesday, 6th and 7th, were spent in Carrollton. Several services were held; Mr. Greene preaching twice, and myself

once. The Holy Communion was administered, and *two* confirmed. We were indebted, as heretofore, to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their Church. A strong desire is manifested to have a building of our own; and it can be effected with a reasonable help from friends outside of the congregation.

On Wednesday, returned to Winona; Mr. Greene preached at night, and *one* was confirmed.

At 10 P. M., passed up to Grenada, accompanied by Messrs. Wilson and Greene, and spent three days in that parish. Services were held every evening, and sermons preached by Mr. Greene and myself; the Rector assisting. *Eight* were confirmed; making altogether, sixteen within our Conciliar year.

Sunday, Dec. 11th—I reached Como in time for services at 11 A. M. Mr. Greene preached at my request, and *one* was confirmed. It was plain to perceive an air of sadness pervading the whole Church and village; for a few days only had elapsed since the grave had closed on the Parish's chief benefactor, Col. Norfleet R. Sledge. Commencing life with very moderate means, he gradually, by a course of industry and frugality, adorned by the strictest integrity, attained to unusual wealth; leaving a large and loving family to inherit a vast estate, honestly obtained and unincumbered with a single debt. No fitter monument could be set up to the memory of so good and generous a man than that which he built for himself, but for the glory of God and the good of his friends and neighbors by the erection of the beautiful Church in which we were then assembled, and the handsome rectory which adjoins it, sincerely do I pray that what he thus gave to the house of the Lord may be returned in manifold spiritual blessings upon his family, for many generations.

After the services of the forenoon, I passed down to Sardis, and preached at 8 P. M., when *three* were confirmed. Services again on Monday evening; sermon by Mr. Greene, and *one* confirmed.

Tuesday, 13th—Visited Batesville. At my request, Mr. Greene preached. There are a "few Church names" here; but they have no Pastor.

Thursday, 15th—Reached Hernando. Service and sermon, P. M., in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, by Mr. Greene; as I was too much fatigued to leave the house. At 11, the next day,

I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Our house of worship, in this place, is in so decayed a condition as to be no longer fit for use. The congregation owns a lot far preferable to that on which the old church stands, and is earnestly hoping, ere long, to build upon it. During my stay, I baptized *two* children in private.

Dec. 17th—Transferred the Rev. Dr. Douglas to the Diocese of Louisiana.

My next visit was to Oxford, where I remained four or five days. Service and sermon on Saturday, p. m., by Mr. Greene. Sunday the 18th; I preached in the forenoon, when the Holy Communion was administered. Mr. Greene conducted the whole of the services at night, after baptizing *three* children in the afternoon. On Monday, the congregation, came together, at my call, for the purpose of electing a Minister. After prayer, and some time spent in mutual consultation, it appeared that the Rev. Melville M. Moore was the unanimous choice of all present. A meeting of the vestry was forthwith held, and Mr. Moore invited. This was a matter no little rejoicing to my heart. Long had I been convinced of the importance of filling that post, and anxiously had I looked out for a suitable occupant; but the want of sufficient means, together with the peculiar qualifications required by the situation had stood in the way. Mr. Moore will, I trust, have the prayers of his brethren for abundant success in meeting the labors and responsibilities of his office. Further services were appointed for Monday evening, but were prevented by the weather.

Dec. 20th—Gave my consent to the Consecration of Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., as Bishop of Pittsburg.

Wednesday, 21st—I reached Water Valley, where Mr. Greene had preceded me, holding two services in conjunction with Rev. Mr. Browne, who ministers here monthly, in addition to his larger labors at Canton. On Friday night I preached and confirmed *one* person.

Sat. 24th—At daylight I set out for Holly Springs. Immediately on my arrival I was called to take part in the funeral ceremonies of an aged and esteemed member of our Communion. In

the evening Mr. Greene preached and performed all the services, as I was too unwell to venture out.

Dec. 25th—On Sunday (Christmas day) I preached, and the Holy Communion was administered. At night, I preached again, as Mr. Greene had gone on in compliance with my wishes, to officiate once more for the yet destitute congregation at Oxford. At this last meeting *three* persons were confirmed. Two sad incidents have occurred in this parish, viz: the resignation of its pastor, and the death of one of its aged and most highly esteemed communicants. Dr. Pickett's long and faithful pastorate of more than twenty years had identified him with the place, and endeared him proportionally to his Bishop. I trust that his services may not be lost to the Diocese. In the death of the venerable and beloved B. T. Walthall, there passed away one who had long and faithfully served the Church as a vestryman; and had for some years past, been patiently and hopefully awaiting the Master's call.

My next appointment was for Lamar, on Tuesday the 27th; but as we had no house of worship of our own at that place, the Hon. A. M. Clayton requested that the services might be held at his residence. Accordingly, assisted by Rev. Mr. Greene, I preached in the Judge's parlor and administered the Holy Communion. The room was well filled, notwithstanding a steady fall of rain. I was here met by Rev. Mr. Gordon, who had come to take us over to his Parish at Early Grove; but I felt constrained to forego that visit, in consideration of the roughness of the way, and the present condition of the roads, and thereupon, turned my steps homeward; Early Grove being the last of my present appointments. At Grand Junction I parted from my son; as his health had greatly improved whilst with me, and his own parochial duties were demanding his presence. Very grateful to me were his many services; I might almost say *indispensable*; performing for me, as he did for eight weeks, the various offices of son, servant, nurse, and guardian, as well as fellow-helper in the frequent duties of the Chancel and Pulpit.

Jan. 9th, 1882—Bishop Adams, at my request, confirmed *four* persons in Livingston, where the Rev. Dr. Harris had, for some time, been gratuitously bestowing his labors.

. 12th—I acknowledged the transfer of the Rev. Dr. Boyd to the Diocese of Wisconsin.

. 16th—Transferred Rev. R. H. Prosser to the Diocese of Indiana.

. 23d—Commissioned William Priestly, Sr., as Lay Reader of the Parish of Grace Church, Canton.

. 27th—Received the letters Dimissory of Rev. George C. Smith, D. D., from the Diocese of Tennessee.

On the same day I set out on my Spring Visitation, in good health, but with distrust of my ability to help myself through journeying and labors it would demand of me. At the earnest invitation of my family, I took with me as a friend and companion, the Rev. Carl M. von Buren, whose many and gentle services here take pleasure in acknowledging.

March 1st and 2d—My first visit was to Aberdeen, where I spent two days, and was greatly gratified at finding the people, though still at a pastor, in a more hopeful condition than they have been in many years. The Church has not only been thoroughly reinvigorated, but becomingly improved by the addition of a Recessed Chapel, and the enlargement of the vestry-room. The Sunday-school had been well attended and faithfully instructed; and the improvement and hopefulness of the Parish showed plainly what may be effected by one zealous Layman for the help and encouragement of the brethren. I preached twice during my visit and had the gratification of giving the Laying-on-of-Hands to several candidates.

March 3d, 4th and 5th, were given to Columbus, where I found the Church in an equally prosperous and hopeful condition. I was able to visit only a few families; but saw enough to convince me that good work was going on under the hands of their zealous pastors; an evidence of which was seen in sixteen candidates prepared for Confirmation. I preached once only, and administered Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector.

Sunday, March 7th—I preached both in the afternoon and at night in Macon. The congregation here is in rather a depressed condition, having been for more than a year without any regular ministrations.

My next appointment was for Shuqualak, on the 8th; but a heavy fall of rain would have forbade my services, if I had been able to get there.

Friday, 10th—I preached at Grace Chapel, Scooba, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *one* person. This neat and becoming place of worship will, I trust, be a blessing to the neighborhood; and thus reward the pious heart that built it.

Two days (11th and 12th) were spent in Meridian. I was able to preach but once, to administer the Holy Communion, confirm *one* person, and baptize *one* adult and *two* children. Much has been done, since my last visit, towards completing their handsome church; and the work is still going on. I was thankful to see an increased confidence and hopefulness in the congregation, although they had been twelve months without a Pastor.

On Tuesday, 14th, I preached in Enterprise, both forenoon and at night; and baptized *two* children. This Parish, like those at Macon and Meridian, has sorely felt the departure of Rev. Dr. Hines, who was compelled nearly a year ago, to leave in search of better health.

Thursday, the 16th—I preached at Biloxi, A. M., confirming *eleven* persons. I was thankful to see a much improved and hopeful state of things in this congregation under its present Pastor. The next day, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Trader, who ministers there once a month, I preached at Mississippi City, and confirmed *four* candidates.

Sunday 19th—At Pass Christian, I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed *two* persons. It was gratifying to me to see some signs of a reviving prosperity in this congregation, after an evident decline of some years.

Tuesday, 21st—I preached at Waveland, on the Bay of St. Louis, at 7 in the evening; baptized *one* infant, and giving the Laying-on-of-Hands to *eight* persons. This newly-born Parish, though yet in its infancy, gives good promise of a healthy and progressive growth, under the teaching and untiring zeal of its worthy pastor. Mr. Tardy divides his labors between this place and Pass Christian, in the hope of soon being able to confine his services, wholly, to the one or to the other. If the old Parish, once organized at the other end of the Bay, could be set in motion

again, the two combined would form a promising and all-sufficient field of labor to a young man of active habits. The Church in which we worshipped needs but little to complete it; and reflects great credit on the few liberal and zealous souls that have, thus far, cheerfully borne the burthen of the undertaking.

Sunday, 26th—I officiated at Woodville, preaching at A. M., and confirming *two* persons. An unceasing rain prevented the attendance of the greater part of the congregation. I was much pleased at the changes and additions that have been made in this venerable old Church-building since my visit of last year. The enlargement of the body of the Church, and the addition of a vestibule, and a Recess Chancel have made it all that a sober taste could well wish it to be. In the afternoon, at the request of the Rector, I baptized *one* child in private.

At Natchez, on Thursday the 30th, I preached in the evening to a crowded and attentive congregation, and confirmed *twenty-four* persons; the following day, I administered the same rite to an aged candidate confined to her bed by sickness. So large a number of applicants for that holy rite betokens a condition of progress as well as healthfulness truly grateful to my heart.

Sunday, April 2d—I preached at Church Hill, administered the Holy Communion, baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *six* persons. I found the congregation much depressed under their pastorless condition. They fear that it will be a long time before they can get one to fill the place in their hearts so lately occupied by the Rev. Mr. Moore.

Tuesday, 4th—At Port Gibson, I preached A. M., and confirmed *nine* persons. I was glad to find that Rev. Mr. Logan's zealous labors were duly appreciated; and that he was in hopes of soon being able to build on the beautiful lot belonging to the Church.

Friday, 7th—(Good Friday,) I preached at Bovina, being assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Cross. The solemnity of the occasion was enhanced by the mournful drapery of the Church in indication of the late decease of their much loved and venerable Pastor, Mr. Fox.

Saturday, 8th—Was spent in Edwards. I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed *one* candidate. The friends of our Commu-

nion in this place, cherish the hope of being able to build Church before the end of another twelve-month.

Sunday, 9th—(Easter Day), was given to Bolton. A request, Rev. Mr. Cross preached in the forenoon, when candidates were confirmed. In the evening, I preached, and more received that Apostolic rite. It was truly gratifying to see how acceptable the labors of Mr. Cross are to his people and the firm hold which the Church seems to have taken up in place and neighborhood.

Tuesday, 11th—Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Cross, I rode to Mondak, preached and baptized one infant.

Returning to Bolton in the afternoon, I was truly gratified in learning that there were seven additional candidates waiting to receive the Laying-on-of-Hands. It was, accordingly, a delight to my heart to give to them that Apostolic Ordinance, at the hour of Evening Prayer, thus making sixteen, a truly surprising as well as gratifying sight in a village so small, and in a Parish so recent a formation.

Wednesday, 12th—Accompanied by Mr. Cross, I preached at Clinton, and baptized one child.

Tuesday, 14th, was given to Brandon; where I preached in the morning to a very attentive congregation. It was with regret that I found this once prosperous and zealous Parish without any other services than those furnished by my annual visitation.

Saturday, 15th and Sunday 16th, were spent in Jackson. I preached in the forenoon; but was unable to perform any of the services usual at my visitation. I was glad to learn, however, that ample success continued to crown the labors of our indefatigable Rector, both in his white and colored schools, and in his work at the Penitentiary. No candidates were present for confirmation. A large class may be expected in the fall.

Tuesday, 18th—At the hour of Evening Prayer I gave the Laying-on-of-Hands to six candidates in the Church of the Trinity, Vicksburg. An equal number were prepared to receive themselves; but were kept away by the unseasonable state of the weather. I was much pleased to see the several addition

ornamental decorations that have been made to that beautiful Church, since my last visit.

I found it next to impossible to include the Parish of Christ Church, in which we are now met together, in my late visitation ; but I trust that the worthy Rector will find in this assembly of the brethren a far more exceeding and gratifying recognition of his past year's labors. At the close of our Council, a class of seventeen *Candidates will be presented for Confirmation.

Thus closes a year of such labor as I have been able to perform. If it be but little in amount, it was nevertheless done with a willing mind. More might have been accomplished by others, but by none more cheerfully.

It will thus appear that I have baptized *forty-two* infants, and *six* adults.

Two hundred and two have received the Laying-on-of-Hands.

One Church has been consecrated, viz: St. Clement's, Vaiden.

One Lay Reader licensed.

Two candidates admitted to the Diaconate.

One Clergyman has deceased.

Five have been added to our Clerical list;

Four have been transferred to other jurisdictions.

One Rectory, at Como, has been completed, and another at Rosedale would have been ready for occupation at this time, but for the recent extraordinary flood that still overspreads that whole region.

It was with pleasure that I recently gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., as the Bishop of Pittsburg.

Since our last Council, the Rev. Mr. Linn has been transferred to Northern Texas ; and Rev. Dr. Douglas and Rev. Mr. Prosser to the Diocese of Louisiana. Rev. Dr. Hines has been compelled by ill health to return to his friends and family, in North Carolina.

The following Clergymen have been added to our Clerical list, since our last Council, viz.: Rev. George C. Harris, D. D.,

* Confirmed on Tuesday after the Council adjourned.

from the Diocese of Tennessee; Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., from Diocese of Wisconsin; Rev. T. R. B. Trader, from Texas, and Rev. Messrs. Cross and Bowden, who have been ordained to the Diaconate.

The only change of position that has taken place among our Clergy has been the removal of Rev. Mr. Moore, from the Parish at Church Hill to that at Oxford. Whilst I grieve at the privation of the one place, I rejoice that the other is, at length, in charge of one well suited to that important and responsible post.

It was my pleasure, at our last Council, to call your attention, brethren, to sundry measures which I then thought, and still think, not only advisable, but practicable, in this proper time and order, I will simply enumerate them, in order that they may be held in remembrance, and claim your advocacy at no distant time. First, and chief, was the duty of perfecting some better plan for conducting our Diocesan Missions; another of making a permanent and gradually increasing Fund for the benefit of our old and enfeebled Clergy. I also invited your attention to the subject of Temperance, as lately taken up and urged forward by many leading spirits among our own Bishops and Clergy, as well as by those of our Mother Church. It was also recommended to you that some decided approval should be given to the cause of missions in general; to the conversion of the Jews, and to the encouragement of the recently formed "Church Building Society." To these, I once more added a brief notice of our "University of the South," commending it as it deserved, to your distinguished favor. If no time can, at present, be given to these important interests, let me hope that each and all, in their proper turn, may ere long, assert their claim to the attention which is now unavoidably denied them.

I come now to the solemn subject, which at this time demands all the prayerful consideration which can be given to it.

This present month forms the close of the sixty-second year of my service in the Ministry; and the presence of this Council reminds me that I am in the thirty-third of my Episcopate. Of all the Clergy who welcomed my coming among you only one remains to take part with us in the labors of to-day. Very pleasant have been my relations with both my Clergy and my people. Their

affection has cheered me in many a trying moment, and lightened many a load of labor. And now, brethren, that age has lessened my power to serve you, your goodness is about to call to my side one who will share with me the pleasures and duty of presiding over you in the Lord. And more than this, with affection of sons, you are making an ample provision for the comfort of my remaining years. In that partial retirement to which my failing strength is assigning me, redoubled prayer and supplication for my people shall take the place of that active service, which it has been my pleasure, more than my duty, to render them. If I can not go in and out among you as heretofore, I will bear you the oftener in my arms before a throne of Grace. To my "Assistant," whoever he may be, it will be my pleasure to give a loving welcome, and all the aid which can come of my greater age and experience. I need not remind you, dear brethren, that a great responsibility rests upon you in the choice of such a man. It is not so necessary that he should be gifted with a giant intellect, a fervid eloquence and varied knowledge, as that he have you always in his heart, and be willing to lay himself out for your salvation. God grant that you may get a man filled with the Holy Ghost, and with so much of the wisdom of this world as to guide and govern you, to the glory of His name and the increase of His Church; a man sound in the faith, firmly settled in his principles, world-wide in his sympathies, but watchful against all extremes.

And now, dear brethren, I commend you, one and all, to the guidance of that Gracious Spirit, without whose help nothing is strong, nothing is holy. May He preside over your present Council, and may the dew of the Divine blessing be poured out upon you all to the end of your days.

Your loving Bishop,

W. M. GREEN.

It was then moved, by Rev. Mr. Logan, that so much of the Bishop's Address, as relates to the death of the Rev. James A. Fox, be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair. This resolution was *amended*, on motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, so as to refer it to a committee composed of Rev. Henry

Sansom, D. D., Rev. Alex. Marks and J. D. Shields, and was then adopted.

It was then, on motion of Rev. M. M. Moore,

Resolved, That that portion of the Bishop's Address, referring to his services in the ministry and to his Episcopate be referred to a committee of five senior Presbyters, and five of the eldest Lay members of the Council, to express the sense of this Council, in regard thereto.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the following as such committee:

OF THE CLERGY—Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Alex. Marks, and Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D.

OF THE LAITY—J. D. Shields, G. W. Howard, M. D., E. D. Farrar, W. T. Walthall, and J. W. Champlin.

It was then, on motion of J. D. Shields,

Resolved, That the remaining portion of the Bishop's Address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Which was so ordered.

On motion of W. T. Walthall, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution and Canons, be instructed to inquire and report whether there is anything in the Constitution, Canons, or usages of the Church in this Diocese to disqualify women from membership of our Vestries, and that such report be made to-morrow, if practicable.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Moore, it was

Resolved, That the offices of Registrar and Statistician be united into one.

On motion, the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot was suspended, and Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., was elected Registrar and Statistician, by a *viva voce* vote.

On motion of J. D. Shields, the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot, was again suspended, and the following were elected the Standing Committee by a *viva voce* vote:

OF THE CLERGY—Rev. Henry Sansom D. D., Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., and Rev. Alexander Marks.

OF THE LAITY—George W. Howard, M. D., and Peter P. Bailey.

The rule requiring all elections to be by ballot, was again sus-

pended, and, on motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, Geo. M. Klein was elected Treasurer of the Diocese, by a *viva voce* vote.

The same rule was again suspended, and, on motion, the following were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, to-wit:

Peter P. Bailey, G. D. Sidway, and Marcellus Green.

The same rule was again suspended, and, on motion of G. W. Howard, M. D., Peter P. Bailey was re-elected Treasurer of the Fund for the Residence of the Bishop, by a *viva voce* vote.

The same rule was again suspended, and, on motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, the following were, by a *viva voce* vote, elected members of the Ecclesiastical Court, to-wit:

Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Wm. Munford, Rev. Willard Presbury, and Rev. Melville M. Moore.

The same rule was again suspended, and, on motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, Rev. Wm. C. McCracken was elected Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, by a *viva voce* vote.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention by ballot. The Chair appointed as tellers, Rev. M. M. Moore and Mr. Oliver Clifton. On the count being taken, the following were declared elected, to-wit:

OF THE CLERGY—Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., and Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D.

OF THE LAITY—Peter P. Bailey, G. W. Howard, M. D., E. D. Farrar, and Murray F. Smith.

The rule requiring all elections to be by ballot, was again suspended, and the following were elected Alternate Delegates to the General Convention, by a *viva voce* vote, to-wit:

OF THE CLERGY—Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Willard Presbury, and Rev. Wm. C. McCracken.

OF THE LAITY—G. D. Sidway, John Rawle, A. B. Pittman, and J. S. Johnston.

Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., having tendered his resignation as Trustee of the University of the South, and Mr. John Floyd

King, being considered a non-resident, which vacated his office as one of the Trustees, and the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot being suspended, the following were elected Trustees of the University of the South, by a *viva voce* vote, in place of the above named, to-wit: Rev. Jos. L. Tucker, D. D., E. D. Farrar, and A. B. Pittman.

The same rule was again suspended, and Geo. W. Howard, M. D., was elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Mississippi.

On motion of E. D. Farrar, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese be authorized, and, he is hereby respectfully requested to supply all vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, "*ad interim*," whenever, from any cause, the regularly elected Trustees, or any one or more of them should fail to attend the annual session of the Board.

Then followed the reading of the report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by G. W. Howard, M. D. Secretary, as follows :

To the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the

Diocese of Mississippi:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese beg leave to submit the following report of their official acts for the past year:

Jackson, 14th May, 1881.—The Committee organized by electing Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., as President, and Geo. W. Howard, M. D., as Secretary.

Vicksburg, 30th, August, 1881.—On hearing that the Rev. JAMES ANGEL FOX, a late member of this body, had departed this life, the following minute, presented by Peter P. Bailey, was considered and ordered to be recorded, as expressing the respect in which the memory of the deceased is held by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and of its sense of the great loss the Church has sustained in the death of that most worthy man of God, who had "for many years gone in and out among us."

Minute.

REV. JAMES ANGEL FOX, Rector of St. Alban's Church, who died at his residence near Bovina, on 1st July, 1881, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, had spent more than half a century in this Diocese, and had been identified with its Church work from its infancy. He was born in Montville, Connecticut, on the 19th March, 1794; was graduated at Yale College in 1816; in 1819, removed to Mississippi, which had but two years

before been admitted into the Union as a State; on 27th June, 1823, he was admitted to the Diaconate by Bishop Chase, in Christ Church, Cincinnati; in 1824, he organized St. Paul's Church, Woodville, and was its Minister and Rector four years, and as such, he attended the first Convention of the Church in the Diocese, held in Trinity Church, Natchez, on the 17th May, 1824, and there signed, with others, the declaration acceding to and adopting, as the form and rule of church government, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. He was of the committee that drew the Constitution and Canons adopted by that Convention; he was chairman of the committee on the State of the Church, and made the first report on the Condition of the Church in Mississippi, in which he mentions having commenced his ministerial duties in August, 1823, at the village of Pinkneyville, in Wilkinson county. His application, on the 31st May, 1826, to the Standing Committee for recommendation to Priest's Orders, was the reason of its first meeting, and was the only business, as shown by the minutes, transacted on that occasion. He was ordained Priest by Bishop Brownell, on 3d August, 1826, in Christ Church, Hartford, Conn., and was a deputy to the General Convention, held in Philadelphia that year. He reports having held services at Port Gibson, Natchez and other places between 1823 and 1828, and having established schools at Pinkneyville, Thompson's Creek and Woodville, which occupied a considerable portion of his time.

Thus early in our history, as a Diocese, did our deceased brother begin his labors among us, and from that time until the day of his death, excepting two years as Rector of Christ Church, New Orleans, and an equal period in Plaquemines Parish, La., he has been here and shared with us our days of prosperity and adversity.

In 1829, he became Rector of Christ Church, Jefferson county, and was that year President of the Diocesan Convention, held at Woodville. He was elected President of Jefferson College in 1847, and served one year. In 1848, he removed to Warren county, where he resided until his death, serving as Rector of St. Alban's, Bovina, from 1868 to 1881.

He was a regular attendant on the Diocesan Councils, frequently taking an active part in the proceedings. He had been for many years, and was at the time of his death, a member of the Standing Committee. No history of the Diocese would be complete that did not give Rev. James Angel Fox a prominent position in its Church work for the past fifty-eight years. He attended the last Council, held in Jackson, in May of the present year, and took part in its proceedings and religious services.

In his death, the Diocese has sustained a great loss, and this Committee a wise Counsellor and most useful member. We thank God for the long laborious life that was given to us in Mississippi, where he has left the impress of his religious character and the fruits of a successful ministry. He loved the brethren and worked constantly *pro Deo, pro Ecclesia et pro Hominum Salute*.

We deeply lament his death and regret our great loss. We know, also, how great is the loss his death occasions to his family, and how deep must be their sorrow. We tender to them our sympathy, and pray God to comfort them for His Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whereupon, it was resolved, that the Secretary furnish a copy of the above minute to the family of the deceased.

Vicksburg, 18th October, 1881.—The Committee met and recommended that Upton B. Bowden be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Vickburg, 30th November, 1881.—The Committee met and

signed the testimonials of Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, Bishop-elect, of Pittsburg.

Jackson, 10th January 1882.—The Committee met to consider the application of Rev. Mr. von Buren, a Deacon in the Church of Rome, to be received as a Candidate for Orders. He was directed to comply with the requirements of Canon XI, Title I, of the Digest, when his application would be entertained.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HOWARD,

Secretary.

Vicksburg, 21st April, 1882.

Report of the Committee on the Tenure of Church Property.

The committee appointed by the last Diocesan Council, on the Tenure of Church Property, beg leave to report as follows :

On the first of last July, the Chairman of the committee addressed circulars to about sixty Parishes and Missions which were on the roll of the last journal. The circulars asked the following questions, viz.:

- 1st. Is your Parish incorporated by special act of Legislature ?
- 2d. If not incorporated by *special* act, please state date of incorporation.
- 3d. Please state in whom the title of your property vests.
- 4th. Please state if there is any provision in your charter to secure for all time the use of your property to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

5th. If your Church has been consecrated, will you kindly state whether it is now encumbered with debt or mortgage ?

To above one hundred circulars sent out to the sixty Parishes and Missions, only about thirty-seven replies have been received. Circulars were sent to some points two and three times without eliciting any response whatever. As this discourtesy was not merely to your committee, but to the Council of the Diocese, your committee simply report the fact, and leave it to the Council to say whether its committees are to be treated with such indifference.

An analysis of the thirty seven replies received gives the following results:

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| Parishes incorporated by <i>special</i> act of the Legislature..... | 6 |
| Parishes incorporated under general laws | 7 |
| Not stated, but supposed to be incorporated,..... | 24 |

Total..... 37

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| Titles to Property : | |
| Vesting in the vestry..... | 15 |
| “ “ Trustees of Episcopal Fund and C'h Property..... | 9 |
| “ “ Bishop and Successors..... | 2 |
| “ “ the Subscribers to purchase and build Church | 1 |
| “ “ Ladies' Aid Society..... | 1 |
| “ “ Not stated..... | 9 |
| Total..... | 37 |
| Parishes with property secured to the Protestant Episcopal | |
| Church, answering “yes”. | 7 |
| Not stated..... | 30 |
| Total..... | 37 |

Only one Parish reported a debt.

The details of the above analysis are given in a paper that will be laid before the Council with the letters and papers that your committee has accumulated.

The questions as to the *security of Church Property* was discovered to be almost useless. Competent judges of the matter would need to have the title deeds, charters, or articles of Association of the Parishes before them to answer the question satisfactorily. Your committee found that in several instances there existed no trace of the title-deed of property, or of its record in the proper legal office, while in other instances, it is not known in whom the property vests. Your committee thought that some information on these points might be obtained from the Articles of Association supposed to be laid before the Council upon the admission of every Parish. But upon application to the Registrar and Secretary of the Diocese, it was found that only five copies of such articles had been filed, and they were those of Parishes most recently formed. Thus Canon I, of the Diocese has been almost generally ignored; due, perhaps, to either the ignorance or laxity of the annually appointed committees on the “Admissions of New Parishes.”

In one instance, your committee found that a Church-building had been sold in what appears to be a questionable manner, and in another, the Rectory has been sold to be delivered as soon as the Rector dies. This last instance presents such peculiar features that it is deemed proper to note them in this report. The title-deed to the property owned by this Parish, vests in the *subscribers* to purchase the property *and their heirs*. When the Rectory was sold it was necessary to secure the signatures of the *heirs* of the original subscribers in order to give a title. To this, it may be added, that the Church and cemetery stand upon ground to which no title-deed in favor of the Parish is known to exist. This is an anomalous instance, but it would be interesting to know how

soon a consecrated church will be owned by members of various denominations.

Your committee would call especial attention to the fact, that of the nine Parishes reporting the titles of their property as vesting in the "Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property," probably all but one or two of them vest in the Trustees appointed by the Council prior to 1880. It has been reasonably shown (Journal 1880, p. 17) that the Trustees appointed prior to that date, never had legal existence, and therefore could not receive any property deeded to them. But as a number of Parishes have their title-deeds vesting in such Trustees, it follows that such properties have never legally passed out of the hands of the original owners. The *equities* of the case may protect the interests of the Church, but the *law* would say that the Church (or the Parishes) has no legal title to the property. Again, the law governing the organization of religious societies during the last fifty years has been changed several times. Prior to 1857, it appears that it was only necessary for a Parish to adopt articles of Association, and to record the fact in their own book, to obtain legal organization. But subsequent to that time record of such organization was required to be made in the proper legal *office*. This record was a *sine que non* to legal existence. What Parishes exist thus legally, has yet to be determined. It is certainly desirable for every Parish to know whether it has any, and what is the character of, its legal existence. Otherwise, it may be awakened to the fact, that its property is liable to be wrested from it.

As it is a matter of fact that the legal life of a Parish is governed by the laws which gave it its being, it becomes a question to be considered by a number of the Parishes of this Diocese, whether they had not better acquire new legal life under laws that are more favorable to them than those which were in force at their organization. As a reason for this suggestion, it may be said that those Parishes which were organized under the general law that was repealed by the Revised Code of 1880, cannot, lawfully, receive bequests for any purpose. It is possible, it is true, that the present law might permit such Parishes to receive bequests, but if any contest should arise upon such a matter, the legal maxim that "corporations are governed solely by their own organic law" might prevent the application of the existing laws to Parishes organized prior to its passage. In other words, it is a question whether section 1071 and 1072, of the Code of 1880, can be *retro-active*.

Certain recommendations from the "Joint Committee on the Tenure of Church Property," appointed by the last General Convention, have come before your Committee for consideration. That Committee recommend the various Dioceses "where it has not already been done, to consider the expediency of obtaining, if

possible, from the legislative authority in each State, or Territory, an act making the Diocese itself, or its Convention or Council, a legal corporation, qualified to receive and hold in trust any Church Property designed for religious, benevolent or educational purposes, under suitable conditions." To this it may be answered that this Diocese has, at present, a legally constituted body consisting of three Trustees, annually elected by the Council of the Diocese, for the purpose of holding property in trust for the Parishes and the Diocese. The Council may consider this body sufficient to meet all the purposes of the case. But it is deemed proper to call attention to the fact, that neither the charter of this incorporation, nor the Canon (XV) governing it, makes any provision as to whether Laymen or Clergymen shall be annually elected. The language of the Canon is: "The Council shall annually elect three responsible Trustees, &c." Your Committee venture to ask if it is not desirable to have the Clerical Order represented in the corporation. Your Committee also suggest, that it would be well to have a special committee appointed to consider whether it is desirable to change the present legal body of the Diocese. There are many and serious reasons that will come up before a committee considering the question; chief among which will be that if the Diocese, or its Council were incorporated, it would be easier to secure uniformity in the tenure of Church Property. Parishes that acquire legal existence under the present laws can alienate their property from the Protestant Episcopal Church if they so elect. Whereas, if the Parish was a part of the legal corporation of the Diocese, such a result would not be so easy of accomplishment. Besides this, if the Diocese as a whole were incorporated, it would give legal expression to our ecclesiastical theory—the unity of the church. The Diocese would then become the Episcopal Church in the State of Mississippi in the eyes of the law; whereas, there are now as many Episcopal Churches, separate and distinct, as there are organized Parishes. Doubtless there may be difficulties in the way of such a change, but if it be deemed necessary, *years of persistent effort will not be too much to secure necessary results.* But whether the incorporation of the Diocese be deemed essential or not, it is certainly very much to be desired, that there should be uniformity and stability in the tenure of Church Property. Just how this is to be obtained, remains a question to be considered hereafter. Whether a Parish, not having property, should be admitted into union with the Council or not, is a question that might be profitably discussed. But we conceive that there can be no discussion as to whether the property of a Parish seeking union with the Council, should be secured to the Protestant Episcopal Church beyond a reasonable doubt of loss. In this connection we may refer to another suggestion from the Joint Committee of the Gen-

eral Convention, which is, "that heretofore, neither too much publicity, nor too much respect has been given to the several sections of Canons 24, Title I, of the Digest, touching the consecration of Churches." We are decidedly of the opinion that no Church-building should be consecrated unless it has been secured to the Protestant Episcopal Church beyond a reasonable possibility of its loss. It may not be amiss to state here, that in several Dioceses, where this subject is engaging attention, earnest efforts are being made by the Bishop to secure the transference of all Church Property into the hands of the Diocesan corporations for holding property in trust for the Church. While in one or two Dioceses, the Bishops declare that they will not consecrate property unless the title vests in the Diocesan corporation.

In the correspondence that engaged the attention of your Committee, and upon which this report is based, there was found one instance where a Parish was incorporated by special act of Legislature for only ninety-nine years. This prompts your Committee to say, that inasmuch as the laws of the State permit the formation of incorporations to exist in perpetuity, it is better, in all cases, that Parishes should be so organized. In theory, we do not organize Parishes to exist for years, but for all time. Where corporations are limited to a definite time, that is, religious corporations, there is great danger of the expirations of the Charter passing unnoticed. Besides, property acquired under such limited charter must revert to its original owners when the charter expires.

It may be a difficult matter to correct the faults of the past in regard to these matters, but it is due time that steps should be taken by the Church, in this Diocese, to guard against such faults in the future. To that end, it would appear desirable to have a "Standing Committee on the Tenure of Church Property, and the Admission of New Parishes," or else to charge the present Standing Committee of the Diocese with the duty of looking most carefully into these matters. The duties of such a committee, might be to institute at once a patient and persistent inquiry among existing Parishes, with a view of putting the tenure of property upon a better basis; to advise with, and aid newly formed Parishes in organizing; and to receive and examine all applications for admission into union with the Council, made at any time during the year, or at the annual meeting of the Council, in order to determine whether the interests of the Church are properly protected. Such a committee, becoming thoroughly familiar with the subject, would be a valuable aid to the Council, as well as to the Parishes themselves.

As your Committee were appointed without any specific instructions, they have endeavored to get such information from the Diocese as would throw light upon the subject which is suggested by

of the committee, and to express their views thereupon. are now submitted to the Council.

subject is a large one, demanding a more careful consideration has been possible to give it in one year. Your Committee is not prepared to propose any immediate action, further embraced in the following resolutions, which are now fully submitted to the Council.

resolved, That a committee on Tenure of Church Property be appointed during the ensuing year, and that it shall consist of two Clergymen and three Laymen, who shall be lawyers; care being taken that members of the Committee shall reside within convenient distances of each other, for the purpose of consultation.

resolved, That this report together with all matters in the Journal of reference to the Committee on the Tenure of Church Property, and all matters submitted to the Council in connection with this report be referred to the new Committee for consideration, and that the present Committee be discharged.

MELVILLE M. MOORE, Ch'n.

The above resolutions accompanying the report, were adopted. Upon the chair appointed the following committee, to-wit: I. Sansom, D. D., Rev. M. M. Moore, A. B. Pittman, Farrar, and Oliver Clifton.

Mr. Marks made the following report:

Diocesan Auxiliary Committee of the American Church and Fund Commission, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined every Clergyman in the Diocese to take up a special collection for said fund.

Alex. Marks, made the following report in favor of amendment I, on the admission of Churches, referred to a special committee at the last Council as follows:

REPORT ON CANON I.

Committee to whom were referred the various amendments on I, proposed in the last Diocesan Council, would respectfully report as follows:

Committee has before it the following amendments to I:

Amendments to sections 1 and 2, proposed by the Statistician of the Diocese, to be found on pages 14 and 15, of the Statistician's report, in Appendix of the last Journal.

Amendment of Title of Canon I, and proposed section 4, 5

artistician to furnish said Clerk with suitable forms for try and Records, and to give him such information and as the said Clerk may desire.

When the Parish applies for union with the Council, the Vestry of the Parish, or the Registry of Parishioners thus made, or a certified copy thereof, to be laid before the Council, together with the Articles of Association or a certified copy thereof; satisfactory proof that the Parish has been duly and legally incorporated; and the Vestry of its ability to contribute to the support of the Diocese. When these testimonials, the Council may admit the said Parish into union with the Council.

3. Every Parish thus organized, registered, incorporated and admitted into union with the Council, shall be subject to the regulations of the Council, and shall annually, on Easter Monday, or hereafter as may be, elect from among the stated worshippers of the Parish the number of Vestrymen provided for in the Articles of Association. The Vestry, as soon as may be after their election, shall assemble and organize by the election of Wardens, a Clerk and a Treasurer; and shall choose delegates to the Diocesan Council.

4. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but, in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

5. Whenever the Church work at any place has been so organized that there is a prospect of permanence and a hope that a permanent congregation may at some future time be established, and where there is a sufficient number of male Communicants to form a Vestry, the Church people may assemble, select a suitable name for the congregation, and subscribe to Articles of Association similar to those of the organization of Parishes; except that the word Parish shall be used instead of the word Parish, and that instead of electing two male Communicants, or in case of necessity one male Communicant, who shall be called the Wardens or Warden of the Mission, and that the Easter Monday election shall be for Wardens or Warden instead of for Vestrymen. The congregation so chosen shall provide themselves with two suitable persons, who shall appoint a Clerk of the Mission, and may be admitted into union with the Council, all as provided in Sec. 2, except that no certificate of Incorporation, and no assurance of ability to contribute to the Diocese shall be required.

6. The property of such Mission Station shall be vested in the trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property; who shall hold the same in trust for the use of the Mission until such time as it shall become an incorporated Parish and be admitted as such into union with the Council, and longer if the new Parish

SEC. 6. Each Mission Station so organized and admitted into union with the Diocese, shall be entitled to send one lay delegate, who shall be a Communicant in that place, to represent the Mission Station in the Council, provided that said delegate shall be entitled to a seat, but not to a vote, in the Council.

Your Committee would further recommend, the adoption of the following Canon, as Canon — of the Canons of the Diocese :

CANON —

Any Parish or Mission in this Diocese, which, for two successive years, shall neglect or refuse to send a delegation to the Council, or to pay assessments, or to make an annual report to the Statistician for the use of the Council, may be dropped by the Council from the list of Parishes and Missions in union with the Council. Such Parish or Mission may re-establish its union with the Council by a new application to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEX. MARKS,
PETER P. BAILEY,
H. F. SIMRALL,
Committee.

These Canons as reported by the committee were adopted by the Council.

Rev. Alex. Marks, of the same Committee, to whom was referred Canon X, on Finance by the last Council, reported that after a conference with the author of said Canon, the Committee deemed it wisest to recommend that the said Canon be not adopted by the Council.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Chairman of the Committee appointed at last Council, on the plan of organization to be devised and proposed for raising money for Diocesan Missions, made a verbal report, and asked to be continued; which was granted.

The Committee appointed at the last Council, on aid to the fund for the Infirm and Disabled Clergy, made verbal report that they had nothing further to report than the recommendation of the General Convention, that one-tenth of Communion Alms be reserved for the purpose of aiding that Fund.

The Committee on Amendments and Ratification of the Book of Common Prayer, made verbal report, and asked to be con-

tinued, which was granted. Rev. Alex. Marks, was appointed as Chairman of the Committee, in place of Rev. Jno. B. Linn, who is absent from the Diocese.

On motion of J. D. Shields, the following resolution was proposed:

Resolved, That Canon VII, be amended by striking out all of that part of Section 2, that follows after the word "elected" in the sixth line of said Section 2; beginning at the word provided; and that said "Proviso" be repealed.

This was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion of Mr. Oliver Clifton, the Council took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

An 7 o'clock, P. M., the Council re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Rev. A. J. Tardy, it was

Resolved, That the next Council of the Diocese be held at Pass Christian, on Wednesday the 11th of April, A. D. 1893.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D. chairman of the Committee on Finance, made report assessing the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate, and to meet the Contingent Expenses of the Council, which was accepted and adopted. This report will be found in the Appendix of this Journal.

Dr. Tucker also read a list of arrearages, being the amounts due from various Parishes upon assessments of former years. He asked that the Treasurer be authorized to compromise these debts.

On motion of Rev. Nowell Logan, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be granted authority to settle with delinquent Parishes for arrearages up to date, upon the basis presented by the chairman of the Finance Committee, giving receipts in full for said settlements.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, it was

Resolved, That the assessment for the Contingent Fund be paid within sixty days following the adjournment of the Council.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to send by telegraph a dispatch of greeting to the Diocesan Council of Louisiana, now in session in the Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Whereupon the Secretary sent off such dispatch.

Mr. G. D. Sidway, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, presented a memorial from

certain persons in Pontotoc, asking that the Trustees be authorized to sell certain Parochial property in said town of Pontotoc for the sum of thirteen (13) dollars, and appropriate the amount thereof to the support of the widow of a former owner of that property, which memorial on motion of W. T. Walthall, was by vote of Council, laid on the table.

On motion of W. T. Walthall, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Geo. C. Harris, D. D., be invited to a seat in the Council, with all the privileges of the floor except that of voting.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the property at Dry Grove, Hinds county, Mississippi, known as the Bishop Green, Training School property.

Which was referred to the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, to make report upon at next Council.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved that Article VI, of the Constitution, voted upon at the last Council, and found on page 51, of the Journal, be adopted as it stands in the Journal, which was not adopted.

Whereupon, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., proposed the following

SUBSTITUTE FOR ARTICLE VI, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

"A Secretary, Treasurer of the Council and Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall be communicants of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Council, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Council.

The Secretary of the Council shall be ex-officio a member of the Council.

The Treasurer of the Diocese shall be ex-officio a member of the Council, and subject to the call of the Finance Committee.

The officers above named shall have seats in the Council with a right to speak and vote on any question before the Council; but not to vote in a vote by orders, unless they are members of the delegation from their Parishes.

Which substitute was received as a proposition—and referred to the next Council for final action.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred an amendment of Canon VII, presented the following report.

"The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Section 2nd., of Canon VII, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back, with the recommendation that it be not adopted."

Mr. A. B. Pittman, made a minority report in favor of adopting said amendment. The vote being taken on the *minority* report, it was rejected.

A vote was then taken on the majority report of the Committee, which was adopted.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., proposed the following preamble and resolution on the Bishop Green Fund.

WHEREAS, The Bishop has most generously and unselfishly reduced his salary to \$1,500, in order to enable the Diocese to provide for the support of two Bishops, and

WHEREAS, The assessment roll of the Diocese can not be made equal to the support of two Bishops even with this reduction on the part of our Bishop, so that some further and extraneous effort must be made to supply the necessary funds, and

WHEREAS, Our first duty is and will be to our present beloved Diocesan; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council do now establish a fund to be called the BISHOP GREEN FUND; and that the Council invite subscriptions thereto from Parishes and individuals.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Diocese shall have custody of the proceeds of this fund, and shall pay quarterly to the Bishop the sum of \$375 00, drawn first from this fund, and in case this fund shall not produce this amount, he shall draw from the ordinary funds of the Diocese an amount sufficient to supply the deficiency. Any proceeds from this fund in excess of \$1,500 a year shall be covered into the Treasury of the Diocese to be expended for the salary of the Assistant Bishop, except a special amount of \$200 which shall be reserved by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Council do now proceed to the election of a special Collector for this fund, who shall notify each subscriber of the amount due from him, shall receive the payments from subscribers, shall deduct his necessary expenses and transmit the net proceeds to the Treasurer of the Diocese. He shall make report of collections and expenses, and of the general condition of the fund each year to the Council.

The above preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Council.

On motion of Dr. Tucker, it was resolved, that subscriptions to said fund be now solicited.

Whereupon, Dr. Tucker offered pledges from persons in different parts of the Diocese, which had been sent to him, amounting to the sum of nearly seventeen hundred dollars, (\$1,700,) paid annually to said fund, which was accepted by the Council and the Collector was authorized to collect the same, as per the list of said pledges or subscription.

Rev. M. M. Moore, was unanimously elected as collector of the Bishop Green Fund.

Rev. Alex. Marks offered the following preamble and resolutions, entitled the

AUXILIARY EPISCOPAL FUND.

WHEREAS, In view of the election of an Assistant Bishop it will be necessary to increase the financial resources of the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate; and

WHEREAS, There is a possibility that the Funds already secured, viz: The Parochial Assessments and the "Bishop Green Fund" may not prove sufficient to supply the entire salaries of the Bishop and his Assistant; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council does hereby establish a Fund called "The Auxiliary Episcopal Fund," said Fund to be managed by the Treasurer to make up such deficiencies in the Episcopal salaries as may from time to time arise.

Resolved, That the Parishes and people of the Diocese hereby appealed to, to give their pledge or subscriptions periodically quarterly for the said Auxiliary Episcopal Fund.

Which preamble and resolutions were accepted and adopted by the Council.

P. P. Bailey, introduced the following preamble and resolutions in relation to the election of an Assistant Bishop.

WHEREAS, The Bishop of this Diocese by reason of old age and increasing infirmities is unable to discharge the Episcopal duties of the Diocese, and

WHEREAS, By Section 5, of Canon XV, Title 1, of the Constitution of the General Convention, it is provided, "That in such cases an Assistant Bishop may be elected for a Diocese, and

WHEREAS, Our Venerable and beloved Bishop, requests the Diocese to elect an Assistant Bishop for the reason of his old age and increasing infirmities which disables him to discharge Episcopal duties; therefore,

Resolved, That this Council will at its present session elect an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese, for the reasons set forth in the preamble to this resolution.

Which preamble and resolution after discussion were adopted by the Council.

On motion of B. C. Adams Jr., it was

Resolved, That this Council do now proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop for this Diocese.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., the Council adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, 1882.

The Council assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., as per adjournment. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Wm. B. Cooper, late Missionary to Japan, Rev. Oliver Wilson, Rev. Benj. Halstead and Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.,

The Bishop of the Diocese took the Chair and called the Council to order.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates. A quorum was found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's session were read by the Assistant Secretary, amended and then approved by the Council.

The Rev. Wm. B. Cooper appeared and took a seat in the Council, under the invitation extended to visiting Clergy.

Geo. W. Howard, M. D., Treasurer of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Mississippi, made his annual report as such Treasurer; the same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., as Statistician reported as to the number of Parishes constitutionally entitled to representation in the Council; which was accepted and referred to the Committee on State of the Church, on motion of Rev. W. C. McCracken. See Appendix to Journal for the tabular statement.

On motion of B. C. Adams, Jr., it was

Resolved, That the Council go immediately into the election of an Assistant Bishop.

A motion was introduced by W. T. Walthall that the Clergy retire for consultation; a substitute to the above was offered by

Mr. Oliver Clifton, that the Council take a recess for one hour ; which was adopted.

Before the recess, Rev. M. M. Moore, moved that the Council now engage in silent prayer, which was so ordered by the Bishop.

After recess, on motion of Rev. Mr. Munford, the Clergy proceeded to ballot for an Assistant Bishop; the chair appointed Rev. Messrs. Bowden and Cross, tellers. Secretary called the roll of the Clergy, who advanced and voted as their names were called. Nineteen ballots were cast, eighteen of which were for Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop, and one blank vote.

Mr. A. B. Pittman then moved that the Laity now proceed to ballot, to confirm or reject the nomination made by the Clergy for Assistant Bishop. After which the Laity retired for consultation, and upon returning to their seats, it was moved by Mr. M. F. Smith that the Council adjourn until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. W. T. Walthall moved that the vote be by Order, and Parishes. The chair so ordered it. The chair appointed the same Tellers as before, and the vote being counted, it was found that of the Clergy, *seven* had voted for adjournment, and *twelve* against it. The ballot by the Laity was eleven nays to eight ayes, so their was no adjournment.

Whereupon the Laity proceeded to ballot to confirm or reject the nomination made by the Clergy for Assistant Bishop. Same Tellers as before. On the vote being counted, it was found that *eight* Parishes had voted for confirmation, and *eleven* had voted against it.

Whereupon the chair decided that the Laity had not confirmed the nomination of Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop, and that there was therefore no election.

On motion of Rev. H. Sansom D. D., the Council adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Council re-assembled at 7 o'clock, P. M., as per adjournment.

The Secretary read the following Telegram from the Council of Louisiana, now in session in Church of Annunciation, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Council of the Diocese of Louisiana, responds to the fraternal greeting of Mississippi, with heartfelt prayers.

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

Eugene Conway moved a re-consideration of the resolution "The next Council shall meet at Pass Christian," which was

V. T. Browne moved that the next Council be held at which, on motion of Rev. A. Marks, was tabled subject

Committee on credentials reported that the certificate from Woodville, was correct.

Bailey, offered the following amendments to the Canons:

1, That we amend Canon XV, entitled, "Of Trustees of the Fund, as follows: Strike out all after the words Episcopal Fund" line of section one (1), and add in the place thereof the words "and Church Property." Strike out all of sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Canon XV and add section three, (3) as follows; (Sections 3) "Said Trustees make an annual report to the Council of the Diocese of the contents of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, and of what such property consists.

on motion, was referred to Committee on Constitution and Finance.

Bailey offered the following resolution:

1, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property are hereby authorized to pay out of the Corcoran Land Fund \$107 50 to L. Tucker, D. D., the sum of thirty dollars, to reimburse him for stationery, as Statistician and in correspondence with the members of the Diocese in relation to the "Bishop Green Fund."

on motion, was referred to committee on Finance.

Bailey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property are hereby authorized to transfer to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, one hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$107 50) from the Corcoran Land Fund, to enable the Treasurer of the former Fund to balance due for printing the Journal of the Council of 1881.

was referred to the committee on Finance.

V. T. Walthall reported in behalf of the committee upon the report of the Bishop's Address as related to the Diocese and Episcopate of the present Diocesan. Upon motion of Alex. Marks, the report was unanimously accepted and carried by a rising vote.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi:

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to his Ministry, and especially to his incumbency of the Episcopate of this Diocese, have the honor to report:

That the retrospect so briefly, yet so touchingly made by our honored and beloved Bishop, may well excite our profound wonder and thankfulness. A ministry of sixty-two years is one the extent of which can hardly be conceived without an effort of the imagination. It embraces the whole period of the great revival of Catholic principles and usages which has characterized the history of the Church in the present century. In our own country, it has witnessed a yet more wonderful advance in the growth of the Church from the condition of extreme depression and unpopularity in which it was left after the close of the American Revolution, to a vigor, and energy, and influence, which betoken its inherent and inalienable vitality. In the South-west, more especially, our progress from a condition next to nothingness in respect of strength and influence, has been still more remarkable. A late Southern Bishop was wont to say that he had lived to see—not the dawn of morning—not even the rise of the morning star that foreruns the dawn—but the faint gleam that heralds the rise of the morning star, of the American Church. We, of this generation, may perhaps rejoice in having lived to witness the actual rise of that morning star itself, which foretells for those who are to follow as the dawn of a glorious day.

Most of this progress has been made during the period of the Episcopate of our own honored Diocesan—a period of nearly a third of a century—that of the birth, life, and passing away of an average generation of mankind. This period began during the life-time of those great, strong, Apostolic men—those stalwart pioneers of the Church in the South-west—the blessing of whose leadership in the critical work of laying our foundations, we, ourselves, have not yet learned fully to appreciate. It was, no doubt, a special operation of Divine Providence that raised up for us such men as Polk, of Louisiana, Cobb, of Alabama, Otey, of Tennessee, Freeman of Arkansas, and, last but not least, our own beloved Father in God—the last survivor in life, as he is in other respects so eminently in character, the St. John of this Apostolic group.

During the Episcopate of Bishop Green, his Diocese has had to contend with the most appalling calamities. War and its innumerable woes, pestilence, flood, famine, and universal adversity have, in time, devastated our borders and afflicted our people. Throughout all these, he has pursued the even tenor of his way, bearing aloft in the view of all the glorious banner of the Cross,

instructing, admonishing, cheering, consoling, and shedding on all around the light of a holy, pure, godly, and emphatically a loving example. It is confidently believed that no more universally and thoroughly beloved member has ever adorned the Episcopal Order in any age of the Church.

Your Committee do not consider themselves as indulging in the language of unbecoming eulogy in speaking thus of our beloved Bishop, at a time when we are about to be deprived of his active supervision, and can no longer confidently look forward, as heretofore, to the recurrence of his personal presence and paternal counsel and sympathy. The circumstances partake, in some degree at least, of the solemnity, the regal presence of death, and warrant a suspension of the reticence prescribed by good taste for ordinary occasions in life. They permit us, for this time at least, to speak unreservedly, out of the fulness of the heart.

Finally, your Committee have no hesitation in saying, not only for themselves, but in behalf of this Council, and of the whole Diocese, that their chief consolation, in view of the retirement of our Bishop from active duty, is found, in the hope that his life may thereby be prolonged, and his Counsel, and companionship, and sympathy still be continued, in some degree, to his loving people.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. T. WALTHALL,

For the Committee.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., as Statistician, made the following report:

The Lay delegation from all Saints' Church, Grenada, made the following statement to the Council, and asked to have it printed in the Journal; which request was granted by the Council:

All Saints' Parish, Grenada, has been regularly incorporated under the form of Charter as given in Journal of the Council. Same has been duly recorded in Secretary of State's office, at Jackson, Miss.

A. C. LEIGH, Junior Warden.

Vicksburg, Miss., 20th April, 1882.

He further reports, that Grace Church, Canton; Nativity, Water Valley; St. Clement's, Vaiden; St. Mary's, Bolton; Church Redeemer, Biloxi, have also been incorporated during the past year.

The following proposed amendments to Article III, of the Constitution, was introduced by Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., and referred to committee on Constitution and Canons, to-wit:

ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION, BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

2d paragraph, p. 92, Constitution and Canons, after the words "Delegates not exceeding three," the following words be substituted for those now standing: "And one lay delegate from each admitted Mission Station, certificates of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Clerk of the Parish, or Warden or Clerk of the Mission Station, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Council: Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate unless he be an actual communicant in the Parish or Mission which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled on a division to but one vote, and the delegation from each Mission shall have, on division, a fraction of a vote as provided by the Canons of this Diocese.

Which proposed amendment was received and referred to the next Annual Council for final action.

It was moved by Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., as following :

Resolved, That the following Parishes in union with the Council and entitled to representation, be dropped from the list of Parishes, and constituted Mission Stations, to-wit: Holy Comforter, Dry Grove; St. John's, Lake Washington; St. Mark's, Mississippi City; Church of our Savior, Osyka; Church of the Mediator, Pascagoula; St. Stephen's, Batesville; Ascension Church, Hernando.

Which resolution was adopted.

Rev. W. P. Browne moved to take up from the table the question fixing time and place for the next Council; which was carried.

Mr. W. T. Walthall moved that Pass Christian be named as the place; which was lost.

Upon motion of Rev. W. P. Browne, it was

Resolved, That the next Council be held at Canton, on Wednesday, April 11th, 1883.

The following three resolutions were offered by Mr. P. P. Bailey:

Resolved, That the Diocese of Mississippi hereby recognizes the "Church Temperance Society," of which the Rt. Rev. Benj. Smith, D. D., L. L. D., the presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, is President, as a society, the objects of which are good, in that it is an aid to the Church in breaking down the great sin of intemperance so prevalent in our land.

Resolved, That we commend to the serious consideration of the people of the Diocese the objects and purposes of the Society, and we will gladly welcome any aid it may be able to render the Church here, in overcoming the sin of intemperance.

Resolved, That the Council will elect two Delegates, one Clerical and one Lay, to the National Church Temperance Convention to be held in New York, in October, 1883, to represent the interest of Temperance in that Convention for Mississippi.

Which three resolutions were adopted, and the Chair appointed Rev. Alex. Marks and Hon. P. P. Bailey, delegates to the proposed Convention.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee had examined and approved the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property; the report of the Treasurer of said board of Trustees; the report of the Treasurer of Bishop's residence fund; the report of the Treasurer of the Council of Contingent Expenses, and his report for the Expenses of the General Convention of 1880. Which several reports on motion of Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., were adopted and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Rev. A. Marks, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to print 600 copies of the proceedings of this Council; appending in such publication the Constitution and all the Canons as they stand up to date.

On motion of Rev. Nowell Logan, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish in the Journal on one sheet, the condensed statement furnished by the Statistician.

Moved by Mr. Q. O. Eckford, that the Council now proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop. Carried.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., that the Council take a recess of an hour, that the Clergy may retire to consider the nomination of an Assistant Bishop. Which was carried.

On the return of the Clergy, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., moved that the Clergy proceed to ballot for an Assistant Bishop. Which was carried.

The chair appointed as Tellers, Rev. Messrs. Bowden and Cross. Secretary called the roll of the Clergy; each one advanced as his name was called and deposited his ballot. On counting the vote it was found that eighteen (18) votes were cast for Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, D. D., and one blank vote.

On motion of A. B. Pittman, the Laity retired for consultation on the question of confirming the nomination made by the Clergy. Upon the return of the Laity, it was moved by P. P. Bailey, that

the vote of the Laity now be taken by ballot, for the confirmation or rejection of the nomination made by the Clergy for an Assistant Bishop. Same Tellers appointed by the chair. Secretary called the roll of Parishes, delegates advancing as their names were called and deposited their ballots. On the vote being counted the chair declared the result to be that the total vote cast was eighteen, of which eleven were yeas and seven were nays—which not being two-thirds in favor, the chair declared the nomination not confirmed.

It was then moved by Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., that we have a recess, to continue until the bell is rung. Which was carried.

On re-assembling it was moved by Rev. A. Marks that the Clergy now proceed to vote by ballot, for an Assistant Bishop; which was carried. Same Tellers as before.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy, and each, as his name was called, came forward and deposited his ballot. On counting the vote the chair declared the result to be the total vote cast, eighteen, of which number Rt. Rev. John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D. D., had received fifteen, and Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., had received three.

It was moved by Q. O. Eckford, that the Laity do now proceed to ballot on the confirmation or rejection of the nomination made by the Clergy. Secretary called the roll of Parishes. Same Tellers as before, and the representative of each Parish stepped forward and deposited his vote. On the vote being counted, the chair declared the result to be the total vote cast, eighteen, of which number eighteen were given in favor of the nomination made by the Clergy. The chair thereupon declared that Rt. Rev. John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D. D., L.L. D., had been elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi. On motion of Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., the vote was declared to be unanimous.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore the Council adjourned until to-morrow 9:30 o'clock, A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1882.

Council met as per adjournment at 9:30 o'clock, A. M.
Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Wm. Cross, Benj. tead and Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.

At the close of Morning Prayer, the Bishop took the chair and d the Council to order.

Secretary called the roll of Clergy and Laity.

Quorum was found to be present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, amended approved.

Rev. J. D. Shields, reported on behalf of the Committee to n was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address as re- l to the death of the Rev. J. A. Fox, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the op's Address as related to the death of the Rev. James A. , respectfully report, that after the touching remarks of the op and the truthful memorial contained in the minutes of the ding Committee; your Committee deem in unnecessary to add her tribute to the memory of our venerable deceased brother. r therefore adopt them as the true expression of the feelings his Council. They offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to insert the usual memorial in the Journal to the memory of the Rev. James Angel Fox.

Whereupon it was moved by Rev. Alex. Marks, that the report ceived and adopted, by a rising vote, which was carried imously.

Upon motion of Q. O. Eckford, it was proposed that the Coun- ffer Bishop Wingfield three thousand dollars, per annum, y.

Rev. W. T. Walthall moved that the vote on the above motion ken by Orders and Parishes. The chair so ordered.

The above was adopted after considerable discussion, during h it was urged that perhaps twenty-five hundred dollars was uch as the Diocese could pay. The vote on the above was llows: Of the Clergy, Ayes, nine; Nays, seven; of the shes, Ayes, eight; Nays, five.

The Chair declared the resolution to pay three thousand dollars, salary to the Assistant Bishop, adopted.

The action taken above, establishing the salary of the Assistant Bishop at three thousand dollars, called forth the following resolutions from Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., the chairman of the Finance Committee.

Resolved, That the Clergy and Wardens throughout the Diocese are hereby instructed to call their Vestries together at once, to take measures for the quarterly payment in advance, of the assessments made upon them by this Council for the support of the Episcopate; said quarterly payments to date from the first of May.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to have these resolutions printed, and copies thereof sent, ten days before the beginning of each quarter, to each Clergyman, Warden and Vestryman in the Diocese; adding, after the first quarter, a statement of account, showing which Parishes or Mission Stations are delinquent and which ones have paid for the quarter or quarters preceding; adding also, such explanation or appeal as he may think necessary, or as may be ordered by the Finance Committee.

Resolved, That Canon X be amended by striking out the second section thereof, and that the following be substituted therefor as a second section.

SEC. 2. The Finance Committee shall be a standing Committee, holding office from Council to Council and until their successors are appointed; and shall have general charge of the Finances of the Diocese.

Which several resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the following be constituted Canon XV. (or other number, as the Secretary upon reprinting and re-numbering may find necessary.)

CANON XV.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to collect and receive all assessments for the support of the Episcopate levied upon Parishes or Mission Stations by the Council of the Diocese, and to pay out the same as ordered by the Council.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall send to all Rectors, Ministers in charge, Missionaries, Wardens and Vestrymen in the Diocese, ten days before the beginning of each quarter, a notice that a fourth part of the assessment made upon them by the Council will be due upon the first day of that quarter. He shall send with each notice a statement of account for the whole Diocese, covering the

preceding quarters of the current year, and a statement of arrearages for preceding years; together with such explanation or appeal, or statement, as he may deem advisable or as may be ordered by the Finance Committee.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall make a report to the Council, each year, of his receipts and disbursements during the year; and a statement of his accounts with the Parishes and Mission Stations as regards payments and delinquencies in the assessments made for the support of the Episcopate.

Which was carried.

The Finance Committee appointed at the opening of the Council was re-appointed to serve during the year by a vote of the Council, namely: Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Chairman, J. D. Shields, Murray F. Smith, G. D. Sidway, and A. B. Pittman.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to communicate at once, by telegraph, with the Rt. Rev. John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D. D., of Northern California, and make known to him, his unanimous election to the office of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, and give him all the necessary information relating thereto, requesting an answer at as early a moment as convenient.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. Alex. Marks.

Resolved, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed to communicate to the Rt. Rev. John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D. D., L.L. D., Missionary Bishop of Northern California, the action of this Council regarding his election as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, and all necessary information pertaining thereto.

Which was adopted.

It was then proposed by Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., that the Secretary, draw up the testimonials of the election of Bishop Wingfield, as Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, and have the same signed by the Clergy and Laity present. This proposition was adopted.

Rev. M. M. Moore, offered the following.

Resolved, That a Committee of three from the present Finance Committee be appointed to report to the next Council, what if any particular basis can be adopted for assessment for the support of the Episcopate, so that the assessments may be made as equitable as possible.

This motion was seconded by Rev. Nowell Logan, with the amendment that Rev. M. M. Moore, be added to the Committee of three from the Finance Committee; which amendment was adopted and the resolution as amended was laid on the table subject to call.

Rev. Alex. Marks reported on behalf of the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have before them the tabular statement, furnished by the Statistician, of the reports from the Parishes and Mission Stations of the Diocese, for the eight months from May 1st, 1881 to December 31st, 1881. Footing up the columns of this statement, the leading items are as follows:

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| No. Families..... | 1232 |
| “ Communicants..... | 2386 |
| “ Baptisms..... | 212 |
| “ Confirmations..... | 76 |
| “ Marriages..... | 68 |
| “ Burials..... | 148 |

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| No. Officers..... | 139 |
| “ Pupils..... | 1886 |
| Aggregate of Contributions..... | \$ 21,119 88 |
| Value of Property..... | 146,875 00 |

It will be remembered that in consequence of the change of the Statistical year of the Diocese to make it concur with the civil year, viz: From January 1st, to December 31st a change made by the last Council, our reports at this Council cover only a period of eight months. Therefore in comparing these Statistics with those of previous Councils, an allowance must be made for this difference of four months. Next year this difference will be remedied, making this allowance and comparing our present reports with those made at the last Council, we find:

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|------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| In Sunday School Pupils reported an increase of..... | 188 |
| “ Communicants an increase of..... | 477 |
| “ Baptism, and increase of..... | 1 |
| “ Confirmation, a decrease of..... | 14 |
| “ Contributions, a decrease of..... | \$5,114 22 |

The apparent decrease in the last named items is to be accounted for by the fact that in the last three months a large proportion of the Confirmations and of the Contributions of the Diocese have been made.

On the whole, therefore, your Committee feel authorized to express to the Council a feeling of encouragement with regard to the general condition of the Diocese. Other grounds of encouragement are to be found in the unusually large classes confirmed by the Bishop on his recent visitation, and in the now financial resources which have been found and so skillfully developed for the support of the Episcopate. This last feature in the state and progress of the Diocese has enabled us to secure for our

revered and aged Diocesan, the Assistant to whom he is entitled, and the needed rest from his untiring labors which he has so faithfully earned. Your Committee heartily congratulate the Council on the harmonious termination of the session of the Council, resulting in the unanimous choice of an Assistant Bishop.

Your Committee have no definite recommendation to make.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX MARKS, Chairman.

Which report was approved and adopted.

Mr. W. T. Walthall, proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet again in special session, in case of the declinature of the invitation extended to Bishop Wingfield, at such place as may be designated by the Bishop, and at such day as may be designated by the Secretary; the said date not to be more than thirty days from the receipt by him of said declination, and after notice by him to the Clergy and Parishes of the Diocese, to be issued not less than three weeks before the date of meeting.

Rev. Alex. Marks offered the following as a substitute for the above:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, in case Bishop Wingfield should decline, to call, as soon as practicable, a special Council for the election of an Assistant Bishop.

Which was adopted.

Rev. Nowell Logan offered the following resolution; which was adopted :

Resolved, That the confidence and assistance of this Diocese be given to the Church News, published in the city of Natchez.

The following resolution, heretofore referred to the Finance Committee, was reported back favorably, and, on motion of Mr. B. Baum, was adopted by the Council.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be, and they are hereby, authorized to pay out of the Corcoran Land Fund, to Rev. Jos. L. Tucker, D. D., the sum of thirty dollars to reimburse him for money paid out by him as Statistician for stationary, and in corresponding with persons in the Diocese in relation to the Bishop Green Fund.

The same committee reported in favor of paying the one hundred and seven dollars from the Corcoran Land Fund, due for printing the last year's Journal; which, on motion of J. F. Baum, was disapproved, and which is as follows:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be, and they are hereby, authorized to transfer to the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, one hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents from the

Corcoran Land Fund, to enable the Treasurer of the former fund to pay the balance due for printing the Journal of the Council for 1881.

It was then

Resolved, That the Trustees lend this amount to the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, to be repaid from the first collections of the Contingent Fund.

The Bishop appointed the following named gentlemen on the committee to inform Bishop Wingfield of his election as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, to-wit :

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Messrs. E. D. Farrar and A. B. Pittman.

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., on behalf of the committee on Constitution and Canons, reported, "That the changes proposed in Canon XV, be not adopted, inasmuch as they deem it inadvisable at this late period of the session of the Council, to recommend changes of such importance as contemplated by the proposed amendment ; which report was received and adopted.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., offered the following :

Resolved, That Canon I, be amended by striking out from the last section thereof, the provision denying a vote to delegates from Mission Stations, and by inserting the following :

SEC. — Upon division of the house upon a vote by orders, each delegate representing a Mission Station, shall have a fourth part of one vote, and four concordant fractional votes from such delegates, shall be needed to constitute one vote.

Which amendment to the Canon was adopted.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due, and are hereby tendered to all such railroads and steamboat lines, as reduced their fares to members attending this Council.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, it was

Resolved, That the members of this Council desire to, and do hereby tender their sincere thanks to the Rectors, Vestries, and Parishioners of Christ Church and Holy Trinity Church, Vicksburg, and to other citizens of the city, for many courtesies and kind attentions paid to them during their attendance at the Council, and for the efforts which have been made to make their stay here pleasant and agreeable.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, the resolution heretofore offered by him, that a committee of three from the present Finance Committee, be appointed to report at the next Council, what, if any, particular basis can be adopted for assessments for the support of the Episcopate, so that the assessments may be made as

equitable as possible; which had heretofore been laid upon the table, was called up for the action of the Council, and was, by vote, adopted. Whereupon, Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Rev. M. M. Moore be added to the Finance Committee, for the purpose of considering a possible basis of assessments.

Which was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. M. M. Moore:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered to the efficient organist and choir of Christ Church, Vicksburg, for the assistance rendered in the religious ceremonies of the Council.

Which was adopted.

Rev. Nowell Logan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Registrar be instructed to report to the next Council, a list of Parishes in union with this Council, with the dates of their admission, and a list of those Parishes, which in his judgment it would be proper to reduce to the position of Mission Stations, also a list of Mission Stations, as now constituted.

Which was adopted.

Rev. Wm. C. McCracken, on behalf of the committee on Diocesan Schools, made verbal report that nothing had been done, and asked to be discharged; which was granted.

The Rev. Wm. Munford on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Canons made the following report:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons have had referred to them the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution and Canons be instructed to inquire and report whether there is anything in the Constitution, Canons or usages of the Church in this Diocese, to disqualify women from membership of our Vestries, and that such report be made to-morrow if practicable.

The Committee beg leave to report, that they find in Section I, Canon I, the following provision.

"The congregation shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated; and appoint not less than three nor more than eleven Vestrymen, and two Wardens;" which provision together with the usages of the Church, contemplate the election of men only.

While this is the opinion of the Committee, they recognize and with pleasure acknowledge, the faithful and efficient labors of the women in other departmentary work, upon which the prosperity and welfare of the Church more largely depends, than the functions of Vestrymen and the honor of Warden.

This report was referred to the next Council for further consideration.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks it was

Resolved, That after the usual religious services, the Council adjourn *sine die*.

Such services were ordered by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which the chair declared the Council adjourned.

WM. M. GREEN,
President of the Council.

Attest:

PETER P. BAILEY, *Secretary*.

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The necessary certificate of the election of a Missionary Bishop to a Diocese, was not prepared, waiting the notice from Bishop Wingfield, of his action in accepting or declining the election. The ordinary credentials were not applicable to his election.

IN MEMORIAM.



REV. JAMES ANGEL FOX.

Born in Montville, Connecticut, March 19th, A. D. 1794.

GRADUATED AT YALE COLLEGE, IN A. D. 1816.

**Admitted to the Diaconate by Bishop Chase, in Christ Church,
Cincinnati, June 27th, A. D., 1823.**

**Ordained Priest by Bishop Brownell, in Christ Church, Hartford,
Connecticut, August 3d, A. D., 1826.**

**He removed to Mississippi, in A. D., 1819. In A. D. 1824, he
organized St. Paul's Church, Woodville.**

**He spent most of his life in Mississippi; was fully identified with
the work of the Church in this Diocese from the earliest
organization up to the time of his death.**

**He died near Bovina, July 1st, A. D., 1881, with his armor
on, aged eighty-eight years.**

**THE DIOCESE MOURNS HIS LOSS, AND HAS PAID A TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY IN
THE MINUTE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS
ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A RISING VOTE.**

Constitution and Canons.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Article II.

There shall be a stated Council of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Council. Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it ; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons may call a special Council. When a special Council is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

Article III.

The Council shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergymen of the Church, of whatever order, Canonically resident in the Diocese, either as a Clergymen, or Candidate for Holy Orders for three months prior to the session of the Council,

shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Council, shall be entitled to send to the Council a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Clerk of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Council: *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be an actual communicant in the Parish which he represents. The Delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

Article IV.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Council, on motion, by a majority vote; *Provided*, They shall have laid before the Council written evidences, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Article V.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* the President of the Council; but during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters; *Provided*, That in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Council may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Council, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Council.

Article VI.

A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Council, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Council.

Article VII.

The members of the Council present, on due notification, and consisting of not less than five Clergymen, and Lay Delegates from

five Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Council. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless the ballot be dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Council.

Article VIII.

When on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Council at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it by giving notice to each Minister and Parish of the Diocese, either by letter or by a printed circular.

Article IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the Annual meetings of the Council; nor unless such alterations shall have been proposed at least one Annual meeting previous to its adoption.



Canons.

CANON I.

OF THE ADMISSION OF PARISHES AND MISSION STATIONS.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form a Parish, they shall first obtain the permission and authority of the Bishop of the Diocese, or in the absence of the Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. They shall then adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and none shall be considered members of such Parish, when organized, who shall not (on requisition by the Rector and Vestry) formally accede to such Articles of Association.

The persons thus associated, shall adopt a suitable name by which their Parish shall be designated; and they shall elect two Wardens and not less than three, nor more than eleven Vestrymen, who shall be communicants of the Church. The Vestry thus elected shall at once take steps for the incorporation of the Parish, under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The Vestry shall provide two suitable blank books, one of which shall be used to preserve the minutes of their own meetings, and the other to contain a Registry of the Parishioners, and a Record of the official acts of the Bishop and Clergy in the Parish. They shall appoint one of their number to be Clerk, who, besides his ordinary duties as Clerk of the Vestry, shall (until there be a Rector of the Parish), make and keep a Registry of the Parishioners

under the headings, List of Families, (including every member of each family), List of Individual, not in Families, and List of Communicants. The Clerk may correspond with the Statistician of the Diocese concerning this part of his duty; and it is hereby made the duty of the Statistician to furnish said Clerk with suitable forms for his Registry and Records, and to give him such information and assistance as the said Clerk may desire.

When the Parish applies for union with the Council, the Vestry shall cause the Registry of Parishioners thus made, or a certified copy thereof, to be laid before the Council, together with the Articles of Association, or a certified copy thereof, satisfactory proof that the Parish has been duly and legally incorporated, and the assurance of its ability to contribute to the support of the Diocese. Upon these testimonials the Council may admit the said Parish into union with the Council.

SEC. 2. Every Parish thus organized, registered, incorporated and admitted into union with the Council, shall be subject to the control of the Council; and shall annually, on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be, elect from among the stated worshippers in the Parish, the number of Vestrymen provided for in the Charter or Articles of Association.

The Vestry, as soon as may be, after their election, shall assemble and organize by the election of two Wardens, a Clerk and a Treasurer; and shall choose delegates to the Diocesan Council.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings, but in case of his absence one of the Wardens shall preside.

SEC. 4. Whenever the Church work at any place has been so prospered that there is a prospect of permanence and a hope that a Parish may, at some future time, be established, and where there are not a sufficient number of male communicants to form a Vestry, the Church people may assemble, select a suitable name for the Mission, and subscribe to Articles of Association similar to those used for the organization of Parishes; except that the word Mission shall be used instead of the word Parish, and that instead of a Vestry, two male communicants, or in case of necessity, one only, shall be named, who shall be called the Wardens or Warden

of Mission; and that the Easter Monday election, shall be for Wardens or Warden instead of for Vestrymen. The Wardens so chosen shall provide themselves with two suitable blank books, shall appoint a Clerk of the Mission, and may be admitted into the union with the Council, all as provided in Sec. 2, except that no certificate of incorporation, and no assurance of ability to contribute to the Diocese, shall be required.

SEC. 5. The property of such Mission Station shall be vested in the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property; who shall hold the same in trust for the use of the Mission, until such mission shall become an incorporated Parish, and be admitted as such into union with the Council, and longer if the new Parish consent.

SEC. 6. Each Mission Station so organized and admitted into union with the Diocese, shall be entitled to send one Lay Delegate, who shall be a communicant in that place, to represent the Mission Station in the Council.

Upon a division of the house, upon a vote by orders, each delegate representing a Mission Station, shall have a fourth part of one vote; and four concordant fractional votes, from such delegates shall be needed to constitute one vote.

CANON II.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and two Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Council. Any vacancy occurring in this committee may be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. They shall keep full minutes of their proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Council, and read therein.

CANON III.

OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister who shall be charged with improper, irreligious, or immoral conduct; and further, this suspension shall be continued

until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied from the testimony laid before them, of a thorough reformation of his life: *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified by the Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and an opportunity given him to be heard in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

CANON IV.

OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Council of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, a copy of the charge or charges and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The charges and specifications shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and particular description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defense. And upon the trial of such presentment, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings shall be the house of the Bishop; but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Counsel of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writ-

ing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Council of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen. The members of the Court so elected shall hold their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Council: *Provided, however,* That if from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

SEC. 7. Four of the Court so elected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

SEC. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, the Bishop shall nominate three Presbyters for each vacancy, from whom the accused shall elect one, to fill the vacancy. If the accused shall fail to elect one, the remaining members, of the Court shall elect as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. When the defendant appears he may plead generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications; or he may admit them to be true; or he may plead "not guilty," to a part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall be the duty of the court, to decide whether they amount to such an offense as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the court shall try the same; and shall pronounce the verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

SEC. 10. Upon the finding of the court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offense, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop

to pronounce such judgment as is suggested: *Provided, always,* That in case of judgment other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterward, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

SEC. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

SEC. 12. The court shall, upon the trial, appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings shall be signed by the members of the court. A true record of said proceedings so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies, certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 13. If from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the court cannot attend the trial, the accused may elect either to continue the case to such time as the court may adjourn, or fill the temporary vacancy as provided in Section 8.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the trial shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Church.

SEC. 15. If the accused do not appear, the court may proceed to trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse or decline to appear, the court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, or is, on the legal affidavit, of the person presenting, or of the accused, prejudiced for or against the accused, such member shall not sit at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service, and the day of appearance, being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of a citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he last resided; and also in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy; which shall continue in force until the party consent to a regular trial.

CANON V.

OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH.

When any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in any Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of said Church, and, if there be no Clerk, then the Wardens, and, if there be neither Clerk nor Wardens, then the Vestry, to communicate in writing, forthwith to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

CANON VI.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

When a Parish shall have become vacant and shall have remained vacant for a space of time greater than three months, and shall have no expectation of sooner obtaining a regular Minister, it shall be their duty to inform the Bishop, in order that he may commend to them a proper person to fill the vacancy, and they

shall, at the same time, state what means they have for the support of a Minister.

This Canon does not apply to Parishes which receive pecuniary aid from the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

CANON VII.

OF ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

(As amended in 1878.)

SEC. 1 The election of a Bishop shall be held in an Annual Council, or in a Special Council called for that purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed; due notice thereof being given by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every Clergyman, and to every Vestry in the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: The Clergy shall vote by ballot for some suitable person for the office of Bishop; and a majority of the Clergy present shall determine the choice. If such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the Laity in said Council, *voting by ballot, and by Parishes*, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected; *Provided*, That in all cases of the election of a Bishop, if there should not be present in the Council two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote, and two-thirds of all the Parishes entitled to representation, then two-thirds of the votes of each order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

CANON VIII.

The Council shall annually elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to the General Convention, and at the same time four of each order as Alternates. In case any of the deputies shall be unable to attend, they shall notify the Secretary of the Council, who shall call upon the alternates according to priority of election to go in their stead; *Provided*, That in case of two alternates having equal rights, the Bishop shall elect the one who shall attend.

CANON IX.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND THE DUTIES OF THE STATISTICIAN.

SEC. 1. The statistical year of this Diocese shall extend from the 1st day of January to and including the 31st day of December of each year, coinciding with the civil year; and the Parochial Reports shall be made immediately after the 31st of December, in each Parish and Mission Station, and sent to the Statistician of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to send to each Parish at some time previous to the 31st of December, of each year, a form of Parochial Report, conformed as nearly as practicable to the form set forth in 1874, by the Secretary of the General Convention. He shall also send to each Mission Station in the Diocese, a similar form or one devised to meet the needs of the Mission Stations; or where Mission Stations are under the charge of a Missionary, he may send such form to the Missionary, one for each Station.

SEC. 3. The Statistician shall keep a List of all Parishes and Mission Stations in the Diocese, and shall make record of all forms sent out and to whom sent, and of all reports received. On the 1st of each month following the 1st of January, or oftener if necessary, he shall send circulars to all Parishes and Mission Stations which have not made report to him, calling their attention to the omission; and shall make especial endeavor to obtain reports and statistical information from all points in the Diocese where Church work is being done, or where Church families reside.

SEC. 4. The Statistician shall keep a book or books, in which he shall record in tabular form the Statistical information thus obtained by him, with such notes as may seem to him proper to be made. He shall place this book or books before the Finance Committee and the Committee on the State of the Church, at the meeting of each Council, together with a statement of such items of information appropriate to the subject of deliberation of each Committee as may seem to him to call for special notice. He may be summoned by the Chairman of each Committee to attend

the deliberations of that Committee and shall give such information in his department as he may possess.

SEC. 5. The Statistician shall furnish to the Treasurer of the Diocese, upon his application, any information in his possession which the Treasurer may desire. He shall also furnish to the Secretary of the Council, a corrected list of Parishes and Mission Stations, for publication in the Journal; and such other information in his possession as the Secretary may call for.

SEC. 6. The Statistician shall make a yearly report to the Council of the Statistical Summary for the whole Diocese for the preceding year, with a statement of his own acts, and of his receipts and disbursement. He shall furnish to the Finance Committee an estimate of his expenses for the current year, which amount shall be added by them to the assessment for the Contingent Fund, and shall be paid from that fund.

CANON X.

OF FINANCE.

SEC. 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen,) shall be appointed at each session of the Council, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the Contingent Fund of the Council, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Finance Committee, shall be a Standing Committee, holding office from Council to Council, and until their successors are appointed; and shall have general charge of the finances of the Diocese.

CANON XI.

OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE COUNCIL.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Council has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or in his absence or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair and call the Council to order; and the Secretary of the last Council, or in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or in

his absence, any Clerical or Lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Council. The list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Council, furnished by the Bishop, or in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and be referred to a committee, consisting of three Clergymen, who shall, as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Council ready for business.

CANON XII.

OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING COUNCIL.

Every Parish shall provide for the expense of its Rector whilst attending the Council, and going to and from the same.

CANON XIII.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make a record of each day's proceedings, and to receive all credentials, resolutions and other documents, which, by the rules, or by the order of the Council, shall be laid on the table for reference. It shall also be his duty to supervise the publication of the Annual Journal of the Council, and to keep the archives and records of the Diocese, and to transfer them, with an accurate catalogue or index to the same, to his successor in office.

CANON XIV.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys of the Council; and to disburse them upon requisition made by the Council, and to furnish annually to the Council an account of the receipts and expenditures.

CANON XV—AS AMENDED IN 1880.

OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND, ETC.

SEC. 1. The Council shall annually elect three responsible

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to take charge of and manage, under the direction of the Council, the Episcopal Fund and Church Property. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said fund, collect the annual interest due thereon, and pay the same, from time to time to the Bishop. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal from the Diocese, it shall be filled by the next Diocesan Council—the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until the vacancy be filled.

SEC. 2. All bonds, notes, or other moneys, due on account of said fund, shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or notes now payable to the Standing Committee shall be transferred to said Trustees.

SEC. 3. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they may deem best, taking bonds or notes for the re-payment of the principal at the stipulated period, and also for the annual payment of interest. No loan, however, shall be made by the Trustees, unless the same be secured by two responsible sureties, and by deed of trust on unencumbered property, the cash value of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to sell the property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest.

CANON XVI—AS AMENDED IN 1880.

OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and, as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

CANON XVII

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese, to collect and receive all assessments for the support of the Episcopate, levied upon Parishes or Mission Stations by the Council of the Diocese, and pay out the same as ordered by the Council.

2. The Treasurer shall send to all Rectors, Ministers in Charge, Missionaries, Wardens and Vestrymen in the Diocese ten days before the beginning of each quarter, a notice that a fourth of the assessment made upon them by the Council will be due on the first day of that quarter. He shall send with each notice a statement of account, for the whole Diocese, covering the preceding quarter of the current year, and a statement of arrearages for preceding year; together with such explanation, or report, or statement, as he may deem advisable, or as may be ordered by the Finance Committee.

3. The Treasurer shall make a report to the Council each year of his receipts and disbursement during the year, and a statement of his accounts with the Parishes and Mission Stations, showing all payments and delinquencies in the assessments made for the support of the Episcopate.

CANON XVIII.

OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Rector of each Parish to collect twice a year the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: On the second Sunday in April, and the second Sunday in October; and if from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the Rector shall embrace, in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

CANON XIX.

OF ATTENDANCE ON COUNCIL.

Every Clergyman entitled to a seat in the Council shall, in case of inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his

reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Council, or in one month thereafter.

CANON XX.

ON THE NEGLIGENCE OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

Any Parish or Mission in this Diocese which for two successive years, shall neglect or refuse to send a delegation to the Council, or to pay assessments, or to make an annual report to the Statistician for the use of the Council, may be dropped by the Council from the List of Parishes and Missions in union with the Council. Such Parish or Mission may re-establish its union with the Council by a new application to the Council in accordance with the provision of Canon I.

CANON XVII,

Of the General Convention, 1877.

The following Canon from the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention is published here with our Diocesan Canons, by authority of a resolution of the Council of Mississippi, 1879 :

"Title 1.

CANON XVII—OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION, 1877.

OF THE MODE OF SECURING AN ACCURATE VIEW OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. As a full and accurate view of the State of the Church from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered, that every minister of this Church, or if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present or cause to be delivered on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in his Parish or Church; also, the state and condition of the Sunday-Schools in his Parish; also, of the amount o

the Communion Alma, the contributions for Mission—Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign, for Parochial Schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed, and if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

SEC. 2. At every Annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an address stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention; the names of the Churches which he has visited; the number of persons confirmed; the names of those who have been received as Candidates for Orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended or degraded; the changes by death, removal or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese; which address shall be inserted in the journals.

SEC. 3. At every General Convention, the Journals of the different Diocesan Conventions, since the last General Convention, together with such other papers, viz: Episcopal Charges, Addresses, and Pastoral Letters, as may tend to throw light on the State of the Church in each Diocese, shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. A committee shall then be appointed to draw up a view of the State of the Church, and to make report to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; which report when agreed to by the said House, shall be sent to the House of Bishops, with a request that they will draw up and cause to be published a Pastoral Letter, to the members of the Church. And it is hereby made the duty of every Clergyman having a pastoral charge, when any such letter is published, to read the said Pastoral Letter to his congregation on some occasion of public worship.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, or of the person, or persons, with whom the

Journals or other ecclesiastical papers are lodged, to forward to the House of Deputies, at every General Convention, on or before the first Monday of the session, the documents and papers specified in this Canon.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Church in every Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee only, to prepare, previous to the meeting of every General Convention, a condensed report and tabular view of the State of the Church in their Diocese, comprising therein a summary of the statistics from the parochial reports, and from the Bishop's address, specifying as far as possible, the capital and proceeds of the Episcopal Fund, and of all Benevolent and Missionary Associations of Churchmen within the Diocese, and present the same to the Secretary of the House of Deputies on or before the first Monday of the session, for the purpose of aiding the Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by the House of Deputies, in drafting their reports.

SEC. 6. All incorporated schools, or parochial schools, all academies and colleges, and all hospitals, asylums for orphans or other children of either sex, maintained at the expense, or conducted under the management of members of this Church, are expected to report annually to the Bishop of the Diocese, at the Annual Convention, such reports to be disposed of as the parochial reports; and at every General Convention, the tabular view of the State of the Church in each Diocese, and the report of the Committee on the State of the Church shall include the results of such reports.

Appendices.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL.

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocesan Council for

the Contingent Fund:

| 1878. | DR. |
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| May 16. To balance on hand as per last supplemental report | \$ 154 80 |
| May 14. To collections from St. Mark's, Raymond.... | 1 00 |
| May 30. To collections from St. Andrew's, Lamar..... | 50 |
| July 4. To collections from Immanuel, Winona..... | 4 00 |
| July 6. To collections from St. Andrew's Lamar, } arrearages for 1879, \$1 80; for 1880, } \$1 30..... | 3 10 |
| Aug. 5. To collections from McComb City, for ar- } rearages for 1879, \$2 70; for 1880, } \$2 70..... | 5 40 |
| Aug. 11. To collections from Brookhaven for ar- } rearages for 1879, \$1 80; for 1880, } \$1 80; excess 40 cts..... | 4 00 |
| Sept. 12. To collections from Mediator, Meridian, } for arrearages for 1879, \$2 70; 1880, } \$2 70..... | 5 40 |
| 1882. | |
| M'ch 1. To collections from Scooba for 1881-2..... | 4 00 |
| Total | \$ 182 20 |

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| April 15. | To balance from other side..... | \$ 1 11 |
| April 15. | To cash from St. Andrew's, Jackson..... | 20 00 |

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| To balance | | \$ 21 11 |
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1881.

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| June 19. | By cash paid Charles Winkley, on account of printing the Journal... | \$ 100 00 |
| June 23. | By cash paid for printing 60 card notices... | 2 25 |
| Aug. 8. | By cash paid on acct. of printing, &c..... | 30 00 |
| Sept. 12. | " " " " " " | 12 50 |

1882.

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| M'ch 20. | By cash transferred to Gen'l Convention contingent fund to balance that account, | 10 00 |
| April 19. | By cash paid at sundry times, from June 6, 1881, to April 19th, 1882, for stamps and other stationery as per bill of items herewith | 26 34 |

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| | \$ 181 09 |
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| By balance..... | 1 11 |
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| Total.... | \$ 182 20 |
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P. P. BAILEY, Treasurer.

Approved by committee on Finance.

J. L. TUCKER, D. D.,
Chairman.

P. BAILEY. Treasurer,

In Account with the Council for the assessment of the expenses of the General Convention:

| DR. | |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 3. To collection from St. Andrew's, Lamar..... | \$ 1 00 |
| 3. " " " McComb City..... | 1 00 |
| 1. " " " Redeemer, Brookhaven..... | 1 00 |
| 2. " " " Mediator, Meridian..... | 1 00 |
| 0. To transfer to Gen. Contingent Fund to balance, | 10 00 |
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| | \$14 00 |

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| 6. By balance due Treasurer as per last report..... | \$14 00 |
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No balance and account closed.

O. E.

PETER P. BAILEY,

Treasurer.

Approved by committee on Finance.

J. L. TUCKER, D. D.,

Chairman.

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,

In Account with the Bishop's Residence Fund:

1881.

DR.

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May 14. To cash on hand as reported by the former and present Treasurer to the last Council together, making the sum of.. | \$382 60 |
| Int. one year at 6 per cent..... | 22 95 |
| Oct. 26. To amount collected from rents..... | 11 00 |

1882.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Mar. 13. To amount collected from Fall's estate in the case of Georgie Miller vs. Columbus, In. Co. | 191 50 |
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Total.....\$628 05

PETER P. BAILEY,

Treasurer.

April 19, 1882.

Approved by the Committee on Finance.

J. L. TUCKER, D. D.,

Chairman.

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Report of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property,

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The Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property respectfully report to the Council:

That on June 7th, 1881, the Board organized by electing G. D. Sidway, President, and Peter P. Bailey, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report to the Board herewith submitted to the Council, will show the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the year, to which reference is made for particulars. The Trustees, as a Board, have invested most of the funds in their hands in the Church notes and County Warrants set out in their

Treasurer's report. This was done in order to make the fund bring in an income, and not to lie idle in their hands.

The railroad stock referred to by the Treasurer was a gift to the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate in 1871, by the late John H. Swift, of New York. By the terms of the gift this stock was not to be sold during Mr. Swift's life-time, without his written consent; but he having died lately, and his former partner having advised that the Trustees sell the stock, we instructed our Treasurer to forward it to New York and have it sold, so that the fund might be invested in some security better understood by the Board. The Treasurer reports the amount it brought.

The Board respectfully asks the Council to amend Canon XV, of present series of "Trustees of the Episcopal Fund," so as to leave to the discretion of the Trustees in the management and investment of the Episcopal Fund more authority than they now have. An amendment will be submitted for the consideration of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. D. SIDWAY, President.

P. P. BAILEY, Secretary & Treas.

MARCELLUS GREEN.

Trustees.

April 19, 1882.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

JOS. L. TUCKER, D. D.,

Chairman.

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PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,

In Account with the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal

Fund and Church Property :

1881.

DR.

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| May 12. | To cash on hand reported to last Council..... | \$1,713 41 |
| July 6. | To cash from Trinity Church, Natchez, on note..... | 50 00 |
| July 26. | To cash from St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, | 24 00 |

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| Dec. 6. | To cash from C. L. Anderson, collection of notes for sale of Corcoran Lands..... | 202 41 |
| 1882. | | |
| M'ch 21. | To cash from payment by the State of Mississippi of 10 \$50 bonds held by Board.... | 500 00 |
| M'ch 21. | To cash collection of six months interest coupons due on said bonds..... | 40 00 |
| M'ch 21. | To cash from sale of 9 40-100 shares of Missouri Pacific railroad shares at \$97 for the full shares and 65 cents for the fractional portion—less \$2 25 for commissions to brokers in New York, net..... | 896 75 |
| | <p>These shares are the products of ten shares of St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad \$,100 each, one share of Cairo, Arkansas & Texas Railroad of \$100 each, and $\frac{1}{2}$ share of do of \$50; the former of these stocks was donated to the Diocese in 1871, by John H. Swift, then of New York, but which had been merged into into 12 40-100 shares of St Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad and then into the shares which were used as above. The Cairo, Arkansas and Texas, $1\frac{1}{2}$ shares, were dividends on the original ten shares of the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad.</p> | |
| M'ch 21. | To cash from premium on exchange on New York..... | 90 |
| | Total..... | \$3,427 47 |
| M'ch 12. | To balance on hand from other side..... | 1,636 77 |
| M'ch 15. | To cash from C. L. Anderson for collection of notes for sale of Corcoran Lands..... | 58 57 |
| M'ch 15. | To cash from Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, on note | 48 56 |
| | Balance on hand..... | \$1,743 90 |

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| July 6. | By cash paid Geo. M. Klein, Treasurer of the Diocese, for the following described notes, To-wit: May 4, 1880. Note by Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, payable in three annual payments of \$50 each with 8 per ct. interest..... | \$ 150 00 |
| July 6. | June 22, 1880. Notes at 1, 2 and 3 years each by authority of the Vestry of Trinity Church, Natchez, 8 per ct. interest..... | 150 00 |
| July 6. | July 5, 1880. Note at 3 years, by Vestry of Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, 8 per ct. interest | 150 00 |
| Aug. 9. | By cash paid for the purchase of Hinds county school warrants, face value \$1,585, cost | 1,305,70 |
| | By cash paid for remittance from C. L. Anderson, Dec. 6th 1881, not before charged, | 75 |
| 1882. | | |
| Feb. 22. | By cash paid for express charges on Railroad share to Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York to sell..... | 2 25 |
| April 12. | By cash for Hinds county school warrants, \$10 @ 80 cts. | 32 00 |
| Aug. 12. | By balance on hand in Bank..... | 1,636,77 |
| | Total..... | \$3,427 47 |

P. P. BAILEY, Treasurer.

E. & O. E.

April 15th, 1882.

Approved by the Committee on Finance.

JOS. L. TUCKER, D. D.,

Chairman.

List of Personal Property

Held by the Trustees besides the cash on hand reported by the Treasurer.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Notes of Trinity Church, Natchez, payable on two and three years with 8 per ct. interest..... | \$ 100 00 |
| One years interest unpaid on note taken up..... | 4 00 |
| Notes of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson—balance | 100 00 |
| Interest for two years on original amount paid up..... | |
| Notes of Holy Trinity Church Vicksburg, 1, 2, and 3 years, 8 per ct. interest..... | 150 00 |
| Interest unpaid..... | 24 00 |
| Hinds County, Miss., school warrants, face value..... | 1,585 00 |

The uncollected Corcoran Land notes are in the hands of C. L. Anderson, of Kosciusko, the attorney and agent of the Trustees at that place. For amount and particulars, see his report submitted to the Council.

P. P. BAILEY, Treasurer.



L. ANDERSON,

to Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property
of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mis-
sissippi, for money collected on notes given for purchase
money of lands sold in Attala county, Miss., since last
report.

| DR. | |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | |
| 24. | To cash from Antoinette Huffman, for land \$ 30 00 |
| 24. | To cash from Jack Presley, for land... 30 00 |
| 2. | To cash from B. T. Fullilove, for land..... 90 00 |
| 30. | To cash from B. T. Fullilove, for land 110 00 |
| 24. | To cash from Caroline Sanders, for land 33 70 |
| 882. | |
| 25. | To cash from I. Peeler, for land..... 16 65 |
| 13. | To cash from Susan and L. Glazier, for land..... 15 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 325 35 |
| CR. | |
| 1. | |
| | By commission on above collections... 32 53 |
| 6. | By acknowledgment fee on deed made by J. J. Scrivener to cancel land sale..... 25 |
| 2. | By tax on lands in Attala county for 1881..... 31 11 |
| 5. | By amt. sent P. P. Bailey by draft.... 202 14 |
| 5. | By exchange on draft..... 50 |
| 14. | By draft on Stewart Bros. & Co.,... sent P. P. Bailey..... 58 57 |
| 14. | By exchange on draft..... 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 325 35 |

No balance.

C. L. ANDERSON.

& O. E.

approved by the Committee on Finance.

JOS. L. TUCKER, D. D.,
Chairman.

**List of Notes Held by C. L. Anderson, Attorney at Law,
for Collection,**

Being for purchase money of lands sold by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

| NAMES OF MAKERS. | AMOUNT OF NOTES | MATURITY OF NOTES. | AM'T OF CREDITS. | DATE OF CREDITS. | BAL. DUE TO DATE. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| W. D. McMillan..... | \$73 33½ | Nov. 21, '78 | \$ 40 00 | Dec. 9, '79 | |
| W. D. McMillan..... | 73 33½ | Nov. 21, '79 | 50 00 | Feb'y 15, '81 | 4 10 |
| James Cottrell | 75 00 | Jan. 1, '80 | 50 00 | Jan'y 17, '80 | 30 95 |
| James Cottrell..... | 75 00 | Jan. 1, '81 | | | 91 87 |
| | | | 45 60 | M'ch 31, '79. | |
| J. M. Thompson..... | 30 00 | Jan. 1, '79 | 50 00 | Dec. 5, '79 | 66 50 |
| Susan & L. Glazier... | 75 00 | Oct. 30, '81 | | | 78 15 |
| Susan & L. Glazier... | 30 00 | Dec. 11, '80 | | | 30 91 |
| B. F. Fullilove | 50 00 | Nov. 1, '82 | | | 50 00 |
| B. F. Fullilove..... | 50 00 | Nov. 1, '82 | | | 50 00 |
| Total | | notes due.. | | | \$507 76 |

N. B.—The notes on J. J. Scrivener have been cancelled by revoking the sale of land to him, he being insolvent and unwilling to complete his payments for the land.

C. L. ANDERSON, Att'y.

April 1st, 1882.

Susan and L. Glazier have paid \$15 00 on their note for \$75 00, this April 13th, 1882.

C. L. ANDERSON.

Approved by the Committee on Finance.

JOS. L. TUCKER, D. D.,
Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

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PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,*In Account with the Council for Contingent Expenses:*

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| April 15. | To amount on hand as per report of this date..... | 8 21 11 |
| " 18 | To cash from Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, | 3 80 |
| " 19 | " " All saints, Grenada,..... | 11 00 |
| " " | " " Oxford,..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " " New Town Post Office, Diamond place,..... | 2 00 |
| " " | " " Holy Trinity, Vicksburg,..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " " Lexington,..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " " Natchez,..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " " Columbus,..... | 12 00 |
| " " | " " Holly Springs,..... | 6 00 |
| " " | " " Summit | 3 00 |
| " " | " " Crystal Springs | 3 00 |
| " " | " " Canton,..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " " Port Gibson,..... | 6 00 |
| " " | " " St. Elmo,..... | 2 00 |
| " 20 | " " Church Hill,..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " " Aberdeen,..... | 12 00 |
| " " | " " Yazoo City,..... | 12 00 |
| " " | " " Bovina for 1880,..... | 3 50 |
| " " | " " " 1881,..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " " Brandon " 1880,..... | 2 70 |
| " " | " " " 1881,..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " " Livingston, through Dr. Harris,..... | 5 00 |
| " " | " " Lamar " Rev. John Gordon | 1 00 |
| " " | " " Early Grove | 1 00 |
| " " | " " Edwards for 1880,..... | 1 80 |
| " " | " " " 1881,..... | 3 00 |

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|------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| April 19. | To cash Christ Church, Vicksburg..... | 20 |
| " " | " " Clinton..... | 1 |
| " " | " " Woodville..... | 12 |
| " " | " " Terry | 5 |
| " " | " " Iuka..... | 2 |
| " " | " " Livingston, through Mr. Klein,..... | 5 |
| " " | " " Lamar..... | 1 |
| " " | " " Iuka..... | 1 |
| May 4. | " " Kirkwood..... | 2 |
| " 31 | " " Bolton..... | 4 |
| Total..... | | 240 |

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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| April 20. | By cash for dispatch to Council, Louisiana, | 75 |
| " 22 | " " " " to Bishop Wingfield..... | 7 70 |
| " 24 | " " paid Winkley on account of printing Journal for 1881..... | 107 50 |
| " " | " " for stationery, stamps, etc.,..... | 1 25 |
| Total..... | | 117 |

Dr. to balance on hand..... \$123

PETER P. BAILEY,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

| NAMES OF CHURCHES. | EPISCOPAL Ass'ts. | Con. As. |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Aberdeen..... | 115 00 | 12 00 |
| Brookhaven..... | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| Brandon..... | 10 00 | 2 50 |
| Bovina..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Biloxi..... | 25 00 | 2 50 |
| Bolton..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Church Hill..... | 70 00 | 5 00 |
| Columbus..... | 125 00 | 15 00 |
| Clinton..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Canton..... | 36 00 | 15 00 |
| St. Elmo..... | 15 00 | 5 00 |
| Carrollton..... | 15 00 | 5 00 |
| Corinth..... | 5 00 | 2 00 |
| Como..... | 40 00 | 5 00 |
| Crystal Springs..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| Dry Grove..... | 12 00 | 2 00 |
| Early Grove..... | 10 00 | 2 50 |
| Edwards..... | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| Enterprise..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Greenville..... | 75 00 | 15 00 |
| Grenada..... | 90 00 | 15 00 |
| Holly Springs..... | 50 00 | 6 00 |
| Hazlehurst..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| Iuka..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| Jackson..... | 265 00 | 30 00 |
| Kirkwood..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Lexington..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Madison County..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Lamar..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Mississippi City..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Macon..... | 15 00 | 3 00 |
| Meridian..... | 40 00 | 8 00 |
| McComb..... | 25 00 | 6 00 |
| Magnolia..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Natchez..... | 300 00 | 35 00 |
| Osyka..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Okolona..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Oxford..... | 40 00 | 5 00 |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

CONTINUED.

| NAMES OF CHURCHES. | EPISCOPAL Ass't M'TS. | CON. AS. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Port Gibson..... | 60 00 | 6 00 |
| Pass Christian..... | 65 00 | 6 00 |
| Raymond..... | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| Rosedale..... | 30 00 | 2 50 |
| Summit..... | 20 00 | 3 00 |
| Sardis..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Shuqualak..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Scobba..... | 12 00 | 4 00 |
| Terry..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg..... | 265 00 | 30 00 |
| Holy Trinity, Vicksburg..... | 265 00 | 30 00 |
| Vaiden..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Woodville..... | 100 00 | 15 00 |
| Water Valley..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Winona..... | 35 00 | 6 00 |
| Yazoo City..... | 75 00 | 15 00 |
| Newtown Landing..... | 15 00 | 3 00 |
| Rolling Fork..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Bay St. Louis..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Johnsonville..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Hernando..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| East Pascagoula..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| West Point..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Trustees' Fund..... | 100 00 | 1 00 |
| Total..... | 2949 00 | 407 00 |

COMPROMISE ON ARREARAGES.

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| PARISHES. | ARREARAGES 1880-1. | ARREARAGES 1881-2. | AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Brandon..... | \$14 50 | | \$10 00 |
| Biloxi..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Elmo..... | ..... | \$10 00 | 10 00 |
| Corinth..... | 23 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| Como..... | ..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Edwards..... | 14 50 | 5 00 | 20 00 |
| Greenville..... | 115 00 | 24 50 | 75 00 |
| Holly Springs..... | 47 45 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Iuka..... | ..... | 15 00 | 5 00 |
| Kirkwood..... | 12 00 | 8 00 | 2 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | 60 00 | 10 00 | 3 00 |
| Macon..... | 36 00 | 10 00 | 20 00 |
| McComb City..... | 35 00 | 25 00 | 20 00 |
| Magnolia..... | 23 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| Osyka..... | 5 75 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| Okolona..... | 1 00 | 23 00 | 10 00 |
| Raymond..... | ..... | 30 00 | 25 00 |
| Rosedale..... | ..... | 30 00 | 30 00 |
| Water Valley..... | 29 00 | 15 00 | 10 00 |
| Yazoo City..... | ..... | 85 00 | 50 00 |
| Bay St. Louis..... | 25 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Hernando..... | ..... | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| West Point..... | ..... | 5 00 | 5 00 |
| Total..... | ..... | ..... | 380 00 |

See Resolution authorizing compromises to be made by the Treasurer, page 47.

LIST OF PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE COUNCIL.

AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL OF 1882.

| TOWN OR P. O. ADDRESS. | NAME OF PARISH. | DATE. |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Aberdeen..... | St. John's Church..... | 1848. |
| Brandon..... | St. Luke's Church..... | 1848. |
| Bay St. Louis..... | Grace Church..... | 1880. |
| Biloxi..... | Redeemer Church..... | 1859. |
| Bovina..... | St. Alban's Church..... | 1858. |
| Bolton..... | St. Mary's Church | 1881. |
| Canton..... | Grace Church..... | 1848. |
| Carrollton..... | Grace Church..... | 1861. |
| Clinton..... | St. Matthew's Church..... | 1837. |
| Como..... | Holy Innocent Church..... | 1872. |
| Columbus..... | St. Paul's Church..... | 1840. |
| Church Hill..... | Christ Church..... | 1826. |
| Early Grove..... | St. John's Church..... | 1851. |
| Edwards..... | St. Ambrose's Church..... | 1881. |
| Grenada..... | All Saint's Church | 1840-1870. |
| Greenville..... | St. James' Church..... | 1870. |
| Hazlehurst..... | St. Stephen's Church..... | 1872. |
| Holly Springs..... | Christ Church..... | 1842. |
| Jackson..... | St. Andrew's Church..... | 1843. |
| Kirkwood..... | St. Philip's Church..... | 1848. |
| Lamar..... | St. Andrew's Church..... | 1844. |
| Lexington..... | St. Mary's Church..... | 1872. |
| Madison County..... | Cross, Chapel of the..... | 1853. |
| Macon..... | Nativity Church..... | 1870. |
| Meridian..... | Mediator Church..... | 1867. |
| Natchez..... | Trinity Church..... | 1826. |
| Oxford..... | St. Peter's Church..... | 1851. |
| Okolona..... | Grace Church..... | 1852. |
| Pass Christian..... | Trinity Church..... | 1850. |
| Port Gibson..... | St. James' Church..... | 1826-1848. |
| Raymond..... | St. Mark's Church..... | 1840. |
| Rosedale..... | Grace Church..... | 1880. |
| Sardis | Redeemer, Church of the..... | 1872. |
| St. Elmo..... | Epiphany Church..... | 1844. |
| Summit..... | Christ Church..... | 1862. |
| Terry..... | Good Shepherd Church..... | 1870. |
| Vicksburg..... | Christ Church..... | 1837. |

| TOWN OR P. O. ADDRESS. | NAME OF PARISH. | DATE. |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| " | Holy Trinity..... | 1870. |
| Water Valley..... | Nativity Church..... | 1870. |
| Winona..... | Emanuel Church..... | 1881. |
| Woodville..... | St. Paul's Church..... | 1826. |
| Yazoo City..... | Trinity Church..... | 1846. |

Mission Stations.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Batesville | St. Stephen's Church, . . . | 1861-1882. |
| Brookhaven | Redeemer, Church of the . . . | |
| Corinth | Christ Church | |
| Crystal Springs | Trinity Church | |
| Dry Grove | Holy Comforter Church . . . | 1869-1882. |
| Enterprise | St Mary's Church | |
| Grand Gulf | St. Paul's Church | 1837-1881. |
| Greenwood | Nativity Church | |
| Hernando | Ascension Church | 1848-1882. |
| Iuka | Savior, Church of our | |
| Lake Washington | St. John's Church | 1848-1882. |
| McComb City | Mediator. Church of the . . . | |
| Magnolia | Redeemer, Church of the . . . | |
| Mississippi City | St. Mark's Church | 1858-1882. |
| Newtown Landing | Holy Communion Church . . . | |
| Osyka | Our Savior, Church of | 1859-1882. |
| Pascagoula | Mediator, Church of the . . . | 1872-1882. |
| Ripley | St. John's Church | |
| Rodney . . . . . | ..... |  |
| Rolling Fork | Cross, Church of the | |
| Shuqualak | Messiah, Church of the | 1853-1881. |
| Shieldsboro | St. Luke's Church | 1858-1881. |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

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VICKSBURG MISS., APRIL 19, 1882.

GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

For Bishop's Fund.

| PARISHES. | COLLECTED ON ACT. ARREARS | ASSESSMENT 1881-82. | PAID. | DUE. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------|----------|
| Aberdeen..... | | \$115 00 | | \$115 00 |
| Brookhaven..... | | 5 00 | \$5 00 | |
| Brandon..... | | 25 00 | 25 00 | |
| Bovina..... | | 30 00 | 30 00 | |
| Biloxi..... | | 30 00 | 30 00 | |
| Bolton..... | | 25 00 | 25 00 | |
| Church Hill..... | | 70 00 | 70 00 | |
| Columbus..... | | 115 00 | 115 00 | |
| Clinton..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Canton..... | | 100 00 | 75 00 | 25 00 |
| St. Elmo..... | | 23 00 | 13 00 | 10 00 |
| Carrollton..... | \$23 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | |
| Corinth..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Como..... | | 40 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Crystal Springs..... | 50 | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
| Dry Grove..... | 38 00 | 12 00 | 12 00 | |
| Early Grove..... | | 10 00 | 10 00 | |
| Edwards..... | | 25 00 | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Enterprise..... | | 25 00 | | 25 00 |
| Greenville..... | | 75 00 | 50 50 | 24 50 |
| Grenada..... | | 88 00 | 88 00 | |
| Holly Springs..... | | 50 00 | 50 00 | |
| Hazlehurst..... | 2 50 | 20 00 | 20 00 | |
| Inka..... | 7 00 | 15 00 | | 15 00 |
| Jackson..... | 30 00 | 250 00 | 250 00 | |
| Kirkwood..... | | 8 00 | | 8 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Lexington..... | | 30 00 | | 30 00 |
| Livingston..... | | 20 00 | 20 00 | |
| Lamar..... | | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
| Mississippi City..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Macon..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Meridian..... | | 35 00 | 35 00 | |
| McComb City..... | | 25 00 | | 25 00 |
| Magnolia..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Natchez..... | | 345 00 | 345 00 | |
| Osyka..... | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Okolona..... | | 23 00 | | 23 00 |
| Oxford..... | 7 30 | 30 00 | 30 00 | |
| Port Gibson..... | 3 00 | 60 00 | 60 00 | |
| Pass Christian..... | | 65 00 | 60 00 | 5 00 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—CONTINUED.

| PARISHES. | COLLECTED ON ACT ARREAR'S. | ASSESSMENT 1881-82. | PAID. | DUE. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Raymond | | 30 00 | | 30 00 |
| Rosedale | | 30 00 | | 30 00 |
| Summit | | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
| Sardis | | 25 00 | 10 00 | 15 00 |
| Shuqualak | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| Scooba | | 12 00 | 12 00 | |
| Terry | | 30 00 | 30 00 | |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg | | 250 00 | 250 00 | |
| Holy Trinity | | 250 00 | 250 00 | |
| Vaiden | | 20 00 | 16 00 | 4 00 |
| Woodville | | 100 00 | 100 00 | |
| Water Valley | | 15 00 | | 15 00 |
| Winona | 6 00 | 35 00 | 35 00 | |
| Yazoo City | 37 00 | 100 00 | 15 00 | 85 00 |
| Diamond Place | | 12 00 | 12 00 | |
| Rolling Fork | | 25 00 | 25 00 | |
| Bay St. Louis | | 20 00 | | 20 00 |
| Johnsonville | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Hernando | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| East Pascagoula | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| West Point | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| Rodney | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| Trustees Fund | | 100 00 | 100 00 | |
| Batesville | | 10 00 | 10 00 | |
| Total | 154 00 | 3018 00 | 2378 50 | 639 50 |

Salary of Bishop for 1881-2.....\$2500 00
 Paid Bishop for 1881-2.....\$2378 50
 Due Bishop for 1881-2..... 121 50
 Balance due the Bishop for 1880-1.....\$250 65
 Balance due the Bishop for 1881-2..... 121 50

Total balance due.....\$372 15
 Arrears collected for 1880-1 and paid to the Bishop.... 154 30

Bal. due the Bishop April 24, 1882.....\$217 85

Approved by Finance Committee.

JOS. L. TUCKER, D. D., Chairman.

GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIP.

Special Fund.*

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| April 26, 1880. | To amt. received from Bishop..... | \$1500 |
| | " Interest at 8 per cent, to January 1, 1881.. | 82 |

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| | Amount re-invested..... | \$1582 |
| | To Interest at 8 per cent., to January 1, 1882.. | 126 |

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|--|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| | Amt. reinvested at 8 per cent., Jan. 1, 1882..... | \$1709 |
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Respectfully Submitted,

[Signed] **GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer**

*For Orphan Asylum.

Approved by Committee on Finance.

JOS. L. TUCKER, D. D. Chairm

SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE.

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Assessments for the support of the Episcopate..... | \$2,949 00 |
| Assessment for Contingent Fund..... | 407 00 |
| Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate... | 3678 90 |
| Corcoran Land notes belonging to Episcopal Fund.... | 507 76 |
| Bishop's Residence fund..... | 628 05 |
| Orphan Asylum fund..... | 1,709 22 |
| Contributions for eight months of 1881 | 21,135 28 |
| Value of Church Property..... | 154,550 00 |
| Estimated value of Churches and Chapels..... | 117,400 00 |
| Value of Rectories..... | 27,500 00 |
| Value of other property..... | 9,650 00 |
| Number of Parishes entitled to Representation in Council..... | 42 |
| Number of Mission Stations in the Diocese..... | 22 |
| Number of Clergy Canonically connected with the Diocese..... | 27 |
| Number of Families..... | 1,232 |
| Number of Communicants..... | 2,386 |
| Number of Baptisms for eight months of 1881..... | 214 |
| Number of Confirmations for eight months of 1881.... | 76 |
| Total Confirmations for the Councillar Year..... | 202 |
| Marriages for eight months of 1881..... | 68 |
| Burials for eight months of 1881..... | 148 |
| Sunday School Officers..... | 145 |
| Sunday School Pupils..... | 1,916 |
| Number of Churches..... | 37 |
| Number of Chapels..... | 2 |
| Number of Rectories | 10 |
| Number of sittings in Churches..... | 6,122 |

TABULAR STATEMENT—Condensed—for the

| PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE COUNCIL, AND ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION. | | RECTOR OR MISSIONARY. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LOCALITY. | NAME. | |
| 1. Aberdeen..... | St. Johns..... | Vacant |
| 2. Brandon | St. Luke's..... | Vacant |
| 3. Bay St. Louis..... | Grace Ch. | A. J. Tardy..... |
| 4. Batesville..... | St. Stephen's..... | E. Hamvasy..... |
| 5. Biloxi | Ch. of the Redeemer..... | T. R. B. Trader..... |
| 6. Bovina..... | St. Alban's..... | Wm. Cross |
| 7. Bolton..... | St. Mary's. | Wm. Cross |
| 8. Canton..... | Grace Ch..... | W. P. Browne..... |
| 9. Carrollton..... | Grace Ch..... | Vacant..... |
| 10. Clinton..... | St. Matthew's..... | Wm. Cross..... |
| 11. Como..... | Holy Innocents'..... | E. Hamvasy..... |
| 12. Columbus..... | St. Paul's..... | Wm. Munford..... |
| 13. Ch. Hill..... | Christ Ch..... | Vacant |
| 14. Dry Grove..... | Holy Comforter..... | Vacant |
| 15. Early Grove..... | St. John's..... | John Gordon..... |
| 16. Edwards..... | St. Ambrose..... | Wm. Cross..... |
| 17. Grenada..... | All Saints'..... | W. C. McCracken..... |
| 18. Greenville..... | St. James'..... | F. R. Juny, D. D..... |
| 19. Hazlehurst..... | St. Stephens'..... | Vacant |
| 20. Hernando..... | Ascension..... | E. Hamvasy..... |
| 21. Holly Springs..... | Christ Ch..... | Vacant..... |
| 22. Jackson..... | St. Andrew's..... | J. L. Tucker, D. D..... |
| 23. Kirkwood..... | St. Phillip's..... | W. Presbury..... |
| 24. Lamar..... | St. Andrew's..... | J. Gordon..... |
| 25. Lake Washington..... | St. John's..... | Vacant |
| 26. Lexington..... | St. Mary's..... | B. Halstead..... |
| 27. Madison Co..... | Chap. of the Cross..... | G. C. Harris, D. D..... |
| 28. Macon..... | Ch. of the Nativity..... | Vacant |
| 29. Miss. City..... | St. Mark's..... | Vacant |
| 30. Meridian..... | Ch. of the Mediator..... | Vacant |
| 31. Natchez..... | Trinity Ch..... | Alex. Marks..... |
| 32. Oxford..... | St. Peter's..... | M. M. Moore..... |
| 33. Okolona..... | Grace Ch..... | Vacant |
| 34. Osyka..... | Ch. of our Saviour..... | A. S. Clark, N. O..... |
| 35. Pass Christian..... | Trinity Ch..... | A. J. Tardy..... |
| 36. Pascagoula..... | Ch. of the Mediator..... | Vacant |
| 37. Port Gibson..... | St. James'..... | N. Logan |
| 38. Raymond..... | St. Mark's..... | Wm. Cross..... |
| 39. Rosedale..... | Grace Ch..... | Vacant..... |
| 40. Sardis..... | Ch. of the Redeemer..... | E. Hamvasy..... |
| 41. St. Elmo..... | Epiphany..... | N. Logan |
| 42. Summit..... | Christ Ch..... | U. B. Bowden..... |
| 43. Terry..... | Good Shepherd..... | Vacant |

Eight Months, May 1, to Dec. 31, 1881.

| Families. | Communicants. | Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Marriages. | Burials. | Services Sundays. | Week day Services. | Communicants. | Officers. | Sch' ls. | Sund' y. | Aggregate of all Contributions. | Churches. | Rectories. | Value of Property. | Debt. | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------|----|
| 42 | 63 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | \$5200 | 15 00 | 1 |
| 20 | 36 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 2000 | 41 00 | 2 |
| 30 | 14 | 7 | ... | ... | 1 | 6 | ... | 5 | 3 | 15 | 500 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 2500 | 800 00 | 3 |
| 4 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 78 50 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| 18 | 30 | 4 | ... | ... | 4 | 26 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 261 25 | 1 | ... | ... | 3000 | ... | 5 |
| 10 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | ... | 2 | 3 | 10 | 115 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 800 | ... | 6 |
| 20 | 55 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 16 | ... | 1 | 5 | 25 | 165 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 1000 | ... | 7 |
| 40 | 93 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 36 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 49 | 467 55 | 1 | 1 | ... | 3000 | 100 00 | 8 |
| 6 | 23 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 90 00 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 00 | 9 |
| 15 | 20 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| 10 | 20 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 37 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 175 00 | 1 | 1 | ... | 6500 | ... | 11 |
| 55 | 97 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 80 | 24 | 16 | 9 | 50 | 1205 00 | 1 | 1 | ... | 13000 | ... | 12 |
| 22 | 38 | 4 | ... | 3 | 6 | 33 | ... | 7 | ... | ... | 450 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 3000 | ... | 13 |
| 8 | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 5000 | 23 00 | 14 |
| 6 | 13 | ... | ... | 3 | 2 | 20 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 50 00 | ... | ... | ... | 2500 | ... | 15 |
| 14 | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 75 00 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 50 | 16 |
| 43 | 84 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 60 | 50 | 12 | 6 | 45 | 934 00 | 1 | 1 | ... | 12000 | 250 00 | 17 |
| 36 | 50 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 66 | 28 | 13 | 6 | 40 | 725 00 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 115 00 | 18 |
| 8 | 35 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 00 | 19 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| 25 | 75 | 6 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 30 | ... | 89 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 5000 | 47 50 | 21 |
| 70 | 200 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 110 | 34 | 32 | 57 | 600 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 17000 | 200 00 | 22 |
| 6 | 20 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 305 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 10 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 500 | 12 00 | 23 |
| 7 | 4 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 12 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 88 45 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 00 | 24 |
| 3 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 00 | 25 |
| 8 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 36 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 927 35 | 1 | ... | ... | 2500 | ... | 26 |
| 9 | 23 | ... | ... | 2 | 4 | 75 | ... | 33 | ... | ... | 727 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 10000 | 17 00 | 27 |
| 18 | 23 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 5 | ... | 1 | 5 | 22 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 4000 | 36 00 | 28 |
| 12 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 | ... | 2 | 3 | 12 | 16 90 | 1 | ... | ... | 1000 | 40 00 | 29 |
| ... | 38 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 500 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 2400 | ... | 30 |
| 122 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 4 | 8 | 60 | 176 | 11 | 14 | 130 | 1937 63 | 1 | 1 | ... | 15500 | ... | 31 |
| 25 | 44 | 3 | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 4 | 20 | ... | 43 85 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 60 00 | 32 |
| 10 | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| 9 | 6 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 30 40 | 1 | ... | ... | 1000 | 575 00 | 34 |
| 37 | 37 | 2 | ... | 2 | 7 | 26 | 26 | 12 | 9 | 41 | 752 55 | 1 | ... | ... | 2800 | 115 00 | 35 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 |
| 31 | 42 | 10 | ... | 1 | 2 | 43 | 30 | 8 | 7 | 25 | 787 85 | ... | ... | ... | 1625 | ... | 37 |
| 14 | 35 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 24 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 237 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 800 | ... | 38 |
| 14 | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 800 | ... | 39 |
| 7 | 22 | 2 | 4 | ... | 3 | 28 | ... | 4 | 2 | 12 | 130 85 | 1 | ... | ... | 3000 | ... | 40 |
| 11 | 16 | 3 | ... | ... | 2 | 15 | ... | 2 | 2 | 10 | 73 65 | 1 | ... | ... | 2000 | ... | 41 |
| 18 | 30 | 4 | 5 | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | 1 | 8 | 40 | 49 35 | 1 | 1 | ... | 4500 | 35 00 | 42 |
| 14 | 21 | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 18 | ... | 6 | 6 | 25 | 162 00 | 1 | ... | ... | 1000 | ... | 43 |

TABULAR STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

| PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE COUNCIL, AND ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION. | | RECTOR OR MISSIONARY. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| LOCALITY. | NAME. | |
| 44. Vicksburg..... | Christ Ch..... | H. Sansom, D. D..... |
| 45. Vicksburg..... | Holy Trinity..... | Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, |
| 46. Winona..... | Emanuel..... | Oliver Wilson..... |
| 47. Water Valley..... | Ch. of the Nativity.. | W. P. Browne..... |
| 48. Woodville..... | St. Paul's..... | J. W. Turner..... |
| 94. Yazoo City..... | Trinity Ch..... | F. W. Boyd, D. D. |

MISSION STATIONS.

| MISSION STATIONS NOT ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL. | | RECTOR OR MISSIONARY. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LOCALITY. | NAME. | |
| 1. Brookhaven | Ch. of the Redeemer.. | U. B. Bowden..... |
| 2. Corinth. | Christ Ch..... | Vacant |
| 3. Crystal Springs.. | Trinity Ch..... | U. B. Bowden..... |
| 4. Enterprise. | St. Mary's..... | Vacant. |
| 5. Grand Gulf..... | ..... | N. Logan..... |
| 6. Greenwood | Nativity..... | Vacant. |
| 7. Iuka | Our Saviour..... | Vacant. |
| 8. McComb City..... | Mediator..... | U. B. Bowden..... |
| 9. Magnolia | Redeemer..... | A. S. Clark, N. O. |
| 10. New Town Land'g. | Holy Communion..... | E. C. Laughlin..... |
| 11. Ripley | St. John's..... | Vacant |
| 12. Rodney ..... | ..... | Vacant |
| 13. Rolling Fork..... | Chap. of the Cross..... | Vacant |
| 14. Shuqualak | Messiah..... | Vacant |
| 15. Vaiden..... | St. Clement's..... | O. Wilson..... |

TABULAR STATEMENT—CONCLUDED.

| Families. | Communicants. | Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Marriages. | Burials. | Services Sundays. | Week day Services. | Communicants. | Sund'y Sch 'ls. | Scholars. | Aggregate of all Contributions. | Churches. | Rectories. | Value of Property. | Debt. |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------|
| 128 | 182 | 16 | ... | 4 | 19 | ... | ... | 20 | 22 | 182 | 1981 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 44 |
| 7 | 23 | 9 | 2 | ... | ... | 78 | 70 | 8 | 8 | 100 | 3952 | 90 | 1 | ... | 45 |
| 15 | 24 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 10 | 33 | 7 | 8 | 30 | 498 | 04 | 1 | 1 | 46 |
| 45 | 88 | 17 | ... | 4 | 11 | 36 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 127 | 95 | 1 | ... | 47 |
| 44 | 73 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | ... | 2 | 7 | 6 | 48 | 1817 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 48 |
| | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 42 | 229 | 75 | 1 | ... | 49 |

MISSION STATIONS.

| Families | Communicants. | Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Marriages. | Burials. | Services Sundays. | Week day Services. | Communicants. | Officers. | Sch 'ls. | Aggregate of all Contributions. | Churches. | Rectories. | Value of Property. | Debt. |
|----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 21 00 | 1 | ... | 550 | 12 00 |
| 12 | 21 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 00 |
| 10 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 00 |
| 12 | 21 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 30 | 15 40 | 1 | ... | 1500 | ... |
| 7 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 24 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 6 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5 | 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 | ... | ... | 5 | 23 | 19 00 | 1 | ... | 1000 | ... |
| 22 | 39 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 7 | 47 | 92 00 | 1 | ... | 4000 | 135 00 |
| 7 | 12 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 5 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 30 45 | ... | ... | ... | 23 00 |
| 4 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 30 00 | 1 | ... | 500 | ... |
| 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 12 | 24 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 3 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 00 |
| 3 | 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | ... | 35 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 243 80 | 1 | ... | 2000 | 7 00 |

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NOTICE.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL of the Church in the DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI, is appointed to meet in GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of April, A. D. 1883.

PETER P. BAILEY,
Secretary.

DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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Special Council, 1882,

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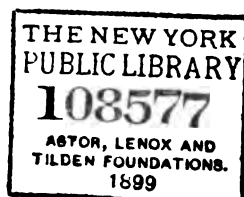
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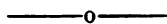


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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }
November 28th, 1882.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the Special Council, called for the election of an Assistant Bishop, the Clergy and Laity assembled at 9:30 A. M., and the session opened with Communion Service, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., reading through the Gospel.

Rev. Alex. Marks read the Creed and Exhortation.

The Bishop was the Celebrant, assisted by Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D. and Rev. Alex. Marks.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Bishop took the chair, and called the Council to order.

Peter P. Bailey, Secretary of the last Council, called the roll of Clerical Delegates, and the following answered to their names:

Clergy Present.

Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D., LL. D., Revs. U. B. Bowden, W. P. Browne, Wm. Cross, Emir Hamvasy, LL. D., Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., Nowell Logan, Alex. Marks, Melville M. Moore, Wm. C. McCracken, Wm. Munford, James T. Pickett, D. D., Willard Presbury, Henry Sansom, D. D., J. L. Tucker, D. D., J. W. Turner.

The Chair appointed the Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., the Rev. Melville M. Moore and Rev. Alex. Marks the Committee on the Credentials of Lay Delegates, who, after examination, reported that they had examined certificates from twenty-seven Parishes, and found them in order.

The Secretary called the names of the Lay Delegates thus reported, and the following answered:

St. John's, Aberdeen—Q. O. Eckford.

St. Luke's, Brandon,— { P. Henry,
H. U. McKinney.

St. Alban's, Bovina—Dr. Wm. Barr.

St. Mary's, Bolton—Hub. Walton.

Grace, Canton—Wm. Priestly.

St. Paul's, Columbus—L. M. Tucker.

Christ Church, Church Hill—James S. Johnston.

All Saint's, Grenada—B. C. Adams.

St. Stephen's, Hazlehurst—T. J. Penn.

St. Andrew's Jackson— { P. P. Bailey,
D. P. Porter,
Oliver Clifton.

St. Mary's, Lexington—Dr. R. K. Jones.

St. Phillip's, Kirkwood—W. G. Landmire.

Chapel of the Cross, Madison County—Charles L. Hinton.

Trinity Church, Natchez— { Jos. D. Shields,
R. S. Dixon,
John Rawle.

St. Peter's, Oxford—R. H. Skipwith.

Trinity Church, Pass Christian— { Gen. Geo. F. Sherman,
Dr. Geo. N. Smith.

St. James', Port Gibson—R. A. Owen.

St. Mark's, Raymond—Dr. R. L. Bogle.

Epiphany Church, St. Elmo— { A. J. Abey,
C. R. Byrne, Jr.,

Good Shepherd, Terry—Wm. H. Fitzhugh.

Christ Church, Vicksburg— { J. F. Baum,
Fred. Speed,
A. M. Lee.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg— { H. F. Simrall,
Murray F. Smith,

Emanuel Church, Winona— { J. C. Purnell,
E. R. Armistead,

St. Paul's, Woodville—J. A. D. Beaumont.

On motion of J. D. Shields, it was

Resolved, That the rules of order of the last Council, omitting the order of business, be adopted as the Rules of Order for this Council.

By general consent it was then decided that P. P. Bailey, Secretary of the last Council should hold office until the next Annual Council. Rev. Wm. Cross still acting as Assistant Secretary.

It was then moved by Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., that the Secretary read the call of the Bishop, assembling the Council; which was adopted, and which is as follows:

The Special Council.

The following Circular has been issued by the Bishop of the Diocese:
REV. AND DEAR SIR:

It is, doubtless, known to you that at the last Annual Council of our Diocese, held in Vicksburg, on the 19th to the 22d day of April, an attempt was made to elect an Assistant Bishop; and that the person then and there elected, for good reasons, declined the appointment.

Before the adjournment of the Council, the following resolution was adopted;

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, in case Bishop Wingfield should decline, to call as soon as possible, a special Council for the election of an Assistant Bishop.

In compliance with this request, I hereby give notice that a special Council of the Diocese will be held, on Tuesday, the 28th day of November in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, commencing at 10 a. m., for the purpose of electing an Assistant Bishop, and for the performance of any other business necessarily connected therewith.

The importance of the occasion calls for a prompt attendance of both Clergy and Laity.

Each Parish is entitled to the same representation as at a stated or Annual Council.

As it is doubted by some whether there should be a new election of delegates, or the old ones hold over, in order to promote uniformity, and avoid difficulty I earnestly recommend that a new or special election be held in each parish, and that the persons thus elected shall come with duly certified credentials.

W. M. GREEN, Bishop.

Sept. 20. 1882.

Then it was moved by Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., that the Council now go into the business for which it was assembled. On which there was no action at that time.

Then it was moved by J. D. Shields, as a preliminary resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS, By Canon VII, in a certain contingency it requires a two-thirds vote of both Orders to elect a Bishop, therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary call the roll of Parishes entitled to representation and the list of Clergy, and announce whether two-thirds of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Council and two-thirds of the Parishes entitled to representation are present in this Council. The Secretary from the previous call announced that two-thirds of the Clergy were present, but that two-thirds of the Parishes were not represented in this Council.

Rev. Dr. Sansom moved that the Clergy now take a recess, and go into private deliberation for the election of an Assistant Bishop; seconded by Rev. W. P. Browne.

After considerable discussion of the question, the motion was amended that the Council take a recess until 3 P. M.

This was lost by a vote of 29 to 17.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That a report of the state of the 'Bishop Green Fund' be had,

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. Tucker made the following report:

Report from Bishop Green Fund Called For

Dr. Tucker reported that he had been receiving subscriptions from time to time since the adjournment of the last Council in April. Not having expected to be called upon for a report, he was unable to give the exact figures, but would say that the amount was now over \$1900, and less than \$2000 in yearly pledges. Of this he thought \$1700 or \$1800 could be relied upon

Rev. Melville M. Moore resigned his position as collector of "Bishop Green Fund." No motion was made, nor notice given of such resignation; seemed to be accepted by general consent.

On motion of Murray F. Smith, the report of Dr. Tucker as custodian of the "Bishop Green Fund" was accepted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sansom, it was

Resolved, That the Council do now proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop.

Carried.

Rev. Dr. Sansom moved that in order to facilitate business the Clergy do now retire for consultation.

This was declared to be out of order.

Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., moved that we take a recess until 3 P. M.

After considerable discussion an amendment was offered by Mr. Oliver Clifton that we take a recess until half-after three, P. M.

A division on this question was called for.

A vote by Orders was called for by Mr. D. P. Porter, but which he afterwards withdrew, and the original motion was put to the house and carried by a vote of 38 yeas, and 17 nays.

The chair declared the motion carried, and the Council took a recess until 3:30 P. M.

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At 4 o'clock, P. M., the Council re-assembled.

The Chair appointed Rev. Wm. Cross and Rev. U. B. Bowden tellers, whereupon the Clergy proceeded to ballot for an Assistant Bishop.

On counting the vote the following was declared to be the result:

For Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D., 13 votes; for Rev. J. L. Tucker, 2 votes.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Frederic Speed, that the Laity do now proceed to ballot for the confirmation or rejection of the nomination made by the Clergy. Same tellers as before.

The Secretary thereupon called the roll of the Parishes, and the representatives of each as his name was called came forward and deposited his ballot. The result was declared as follows:

Twenty-three Parishes voted and all were for confirming the nomination made by the Clergy of the Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved, that the election be unanimous; this was carried by a rising vote.

It was moved by Rev. Wm. C. McCracken that a telegram be sent Dr. Thompson informing him of his unanimous election.

It was then moved by Q. O. Eckford that the Council take some steps to learn by 8 o'clock, P. M., whether the Assistant Bishop elect will probably accept.

The Rev. M. M. Moore moved as an amendment to Rev. Mr. McCracken's motion, that the Secretary telegraph the Rev. Dr. Thompson of his election, salary, etc. This amendment was accepted by the mover. The Secretary thereupon prepared a telegram to Dr. Thompson stating his election and salary.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved as an amendment to the above, that the telegram also say, "Further particulars by mail."

Mr. Frederic Speed moved that the previous question be laid on the table; carried.

The Secretary introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clergy and Laity representing Parishes in this Council, do now proceed to sign the necessary canonical testimonials of the election of Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D. Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, New Orleans, of the Diocese of Louisiana, as Assistant Bishop of this Diocese," which was adopted. Mr. Frederick Speed moved that a committee be appointed to inform the Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D. of his election as Assistant Bishop of this Diocese.

This motion was adopted, and the chair appointed Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. M. M. Moore, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., and Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., such committee.

Rev. Alex. Marks of the committee on Credentials of Lay delegates reported certificates in favor of J. W. Champlin, Trinity Church, Yazoo City, and H. C. James, from the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi. The Secretary called the names of these delegates, who answered.

It was then moved by Mr. Speed that the telegram be taken

from the table, and that the same should be sent at once to Rev. Dr. Thompson, and which as formerly adopted is as follows:

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, NOV. 28, 1882.

To the Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D.

New Orleans, La.

The Council of the Diocese of Mississippi has unanimously elected you the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese,

(Signed.)

P. P. BAILEY.

Secretary.

Which motion was carried and the telegram immediately sent off.

It was moved by Mr. F. Speed that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Murray F. Smith, offered an amendment, that when we adjourn, we adjourn *sine die*, which amendment was lost, and the original motion carried, and the chair declared the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

Nov. 29th, 1882.

Council re-assembled at 10 A. M., and the session was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. T. Pickett, D. D., president *pro tem*.

The minutes of the proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Eckford the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were amended to show the resignation of Rev. M. M. Moore as Treasurer of the "Bishop Green Fund."

Moved by H. F. Simrall that this council adjourn *sine die*. Carried.

WM. M. GREEN,

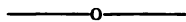
President.

ATTEST:

PETER P. BAILEY, Secretary.

On Wednesday November 29th, 1882, in St. Andrew's Church Jackson, the Bishop of the Diocese advanced to the Priesthood Rev. Upton B. Bowden, deacon. The candidate was presented by Rev. William P. Browne. Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rev. Wm. Munford assisted in the service. The Ordination Sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D.

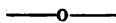
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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI,
HELD IN
GRACE CHURCH, CANTON,
ON THE
11th and 12th Days of April A. D. 1883.



JACKSON, MISS.:
CHARLES WINKLEY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
CAPITOL STREET,
1883.



Diocesan Officers.



BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, AND EX-OFFICIO PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL,

RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., LL. D.

ASSISTANT BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE,

RT. REV. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, D. D.,

SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL,

PETER P. BAILEY, JACKSON.

REV. WILLIAM CROSS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MERIDIAN.

STATISTICIAN AND REGISTRAR,

REV. MELVILLE M. MOORE, OXFORD.

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REV. ALEX. MARKS,.....NATCHEZ.

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G. D. SIDWAY, PETER P. BAILEY, MARCELLUS GREEN.

JACKSON.

TREASURER OF THE FUND FOR THE RESIDENCE OF THE BISHOP,

PETER P. BAILEY,.....JACKSON.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT,

REV. JAMES T. PICKETT, D. D.,.....HOLLY SPRINGS.

REV. BENJAMIN HALSTEAD.....LEXINGTON.

REV. MELVILLE M. MOORE.....OXFORD.

REV. WILLARD PRESBURY.....KIRKWOOD.

REV. WILLIAM MUNFORDCOLUMBUS.

COLLECTOR OF THE BISHOP GREEN FUND,

REV. MELVILLE M. MOORE.

TRUSTEE OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REV. WM. C. McCrackenYAZOO CITY.

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CLERGY.

REV. HENRY SANSON, D. D.,
 REV. ALEX. MARKS,
 REV. WILLIAM MUNFORD,
 REV. NOWELL LOGAN,

LAITY.

PETER P. BAILEY,
 H. F. SIMRALL,
 E. D. FARRAR,
 MURRAY F. SMITH.

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CLERGY.

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 REV. M. M. MOORE,
 REV. E. H. M. VASY, LL. D.,
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LAITY

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OF MISSISSIPPI.

GEO. W. HOWARD, M. D. VICKSBURG.

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS OF THE BISHOP,

RT. REV. W. F. ADAMS, D. D., REV. ALEX. MARKS,
 REV. HENRY SANSON, D. D., REV. GEO. C. HARRIS, S. T. D.

PREACHER AT NEXT COUNCIL.

REV. JAMES T. PICKETT, D. D.

ALTERNATE.

REV. W. PRESBURY.

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 RT. REV. H. M. THOMPSON, D. D.
 RT. REV. W. F. ADAMS, D. D. VICKSBURG.
 HENRY SANSON, D. D. VICKSBURG.
 WM. MUNFORD, COLUMBUS.
 HOWARD, M. D. VICKSBURG.
 SMITH, VICKSBURG.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

G. D. SIDWAY,
 G. W. HOWARD
 E. D. FARRAR,
 M. F. SMITH,

List of Clergy

Entitled to Seats in the Council, 1883

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RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN, D. D. LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese.
RT. REV. H. M. THOMPSON, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.
RT. REV. WM. F. ADAMS, D. D., Rector Church of the Holy Trinity,
Vicksburg.

REV. UPTON B. BOWDEN, Missionary, Summit, McComb City, etc.
REV. W. P. BROWNE, Rector, Winona, Vaiden, Carrollton.
REV. WM. CROSS, Rector Church of the Mediator, Meridian.
REV. CHURCHILL EASTON,* residing in Kentucky.
REV. JAMES FOSTER,* residing in Ohio.
REV. JOHN FOSTER,* residing in Tennessee.
REV. JOHN GORDON,* Rector St. John's Church, Early Grove.
REV. BENJAMIN HAISTEAD, Rector St. Mary's Church, Lexington.
REV. EMIR HAMVASY, LL. D., Rector Holy Innocent's Church, Como.
REV. GEO. C. HARRIS, S. T. D., Rector Chapel of the Cross, and
Brandon.
REV. EDWARD C. LAUGHLIN,* Missionary, Diamond Place, Warren Co.
REV. NOWELL LOGAN, Rector St. James' Church, Port Gibson.
REV. ALEX. MARKS, Rector Holy Trinity Church, Natchez.
REV. W. A. MAYBIN.*
REV. MELVILLE M. MOORE, Rector St. Peter's Church, Oxford.
REV. WM. C. MCCracken,* Rector Trinity Church, Yazoo City.
REV. WM. MUFORD, Rector St. Paul's Church, Columbus.
REV. JAS. T. PICKETT, D. D.*
REV. WILLARD PRESBUKY, Rector St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood.
REV. D. B. RAMSEY, Rector St. James' Church, Greenville.
REV. HENRY SANSOM, D. D., Rector Christ Church, Vicksburg.
REV. T. R. B. TRADEW, Rector Church of the Redeemer, Bolixi.
REV. J. W. TURNER, Rector St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL.

REV. I. N. MARKS, Rector St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

NORMAND HARRIS, JOHN AUGUSTUS HARRIS. MALACHI PEGUES.

* Not present.

List of Parishes,

And Mission Stations in Union with the Council.

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ST. JOHNS, ABERDEEN.

DELEGATE Q. O. Eckford.*

ST. LUKE'S BRANDON.

GRACE, BAY ST. LOUIS.

ST. ALBAN'S, BOVINA.

DELEGATE Jas. A. Fox.*

REDEEMER, BILOXI.

DELEGATES—H. James, T. Carman, Wm. Grand.

ST. MARY'S, BOLTON.

DELEGATE—Hubbard Walton.*

GRACE, CANTON.

DELEGATES—Wm. Priestly,* Eugene Conway,* James Dinkens.

ALTERNATES—B. E. Jones, C. T. Priestly, John C. Conway.

GRACE, CARROLLTON.

ST. MATTHEW'S, CLINTON.

HOLY INNOCENTS, COMO.

ST. PAUL'S, COLUMBUS.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH HILL.

DELEGATES—B. Shields, M. D., J. S. Johnson,* F. F. McCardle.*

ST. JOHN'S, EARLY GROVE.

ST. AMBROSE, EDWARDS.

ALL SAINT'S, GRENADA.

DELEGATES—R. C. Leigh,* B. C. Adams, Jr., R. Donk.

ALTERNATES—R. A. Armistead,* B. C. Adams, Sr., C. F. Wood.

ST. JAMES', GREENVILLE.

DELEGATES—W. A. Percy, James Shall.

ST. STEPHEN'S, HAZLEHURST.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS.

DELEGATES—R. S. Stith, Walter Stith,* John Calhoon.

ST. ANDREW'S, JACKSON.

DELEGATES—P. P. Bailey,* D. P. Porter,* G. D. Sidway.*

ALTERNATES—W. S. Hamilton, Oliver Clifton, S. E. Virden.

ST. PHILIP'S, KIRKWOOD.

ST. ANDREW'S, LAMAR.

ST. MARY'S, LEXINGTON

DELEGATES—R. K. Jones, M. D.* J. T. Meade.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, MADISON COUNTY.

DELEGATES—C. L. Hinton,* Wm. Britton,* L. D. Hinton.

NATIVITY, MACON.

MEDIATOR, MERIDIAN.

DELEGATE—T. H. Dickson.

ALTERNATE—J. B. Mortimore.

TRINITY, NATCHEZ.

DELEGATES—J. D. Shields, John Rawle,* R. L. Dixon.*

ALTERNATES—G. M. Marshall, Charles Stietenroth, F. S. Shields.

ST. PETER'S, OXFORD.

DELEGATES—J. C. Wheelless,* Andrew B. Holder, S. W. Pegues.

ALTERNATES—P. H. Skipwith, N. B. Pegues.

GRACE, OKOLONA.

TRINITY, PASS CHRISTIAN.

DELEGATES—S. N. Smith, L. F. Sherman.

ALTERNATES—F. B. Hiern, G. P. Brandt.

ST. JAMES, PORT GIBSON.

DELEGATES—Stephen Thrasher, R. W. Magruder, J. T. Vertner.

ALTERNATES—N. S. Walker, Wm. Myles, M. D.

ST. MARKS, RAYMOND.

GRACE, ROSEDALE,

REDEEMER, SARDIS.

EPIPHANY, ST. ELMO.

DELEGATE—C. R. Byrnes, Jr.

CHRIST CHURCH, SUMMIT.

GOOD SHEPHERD, TERRY.

DELEGATES—W. M. Bracey, W. H. Fitzhugh *

ALTERNATES—G. F. Seals, A. D. Hester.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

DELEGATES—E. D. Farrar,* Geo. M. Klein, J. F. Baum.

ALTERNATES—Fred. Speed,* W. O. Worrell, Berkeley Green.

HOLY TRINITY, VICKSBURG.

DELEGATES—H. F. Simrall,* M. F. Smith,* W. H. Fitzhugh.

ALTERNATES—G. W. Howard, M. D.,* L. C. Moore, A. B. Pittman,

NATIVITY, WATER VALLEY.

IMMANUEL, WINONA.

DELEGATES—Frank Hawkins,* J. C. Purnell.

ALTERNATES—F. R. Hawkins, W. Y. Baskerville.

ST. PAUL, WOODVILLE.

TRINITY, YAZOO CITY.

MISSIONS.

ST. STEPHEN'S, BATESVILLE.

REDEEMER, BROOKHAVEN.

CHRIST CHURCH, CORINTH.

TRINITY, CRYSTAL SPRINGS.

HOLY COMFORTER, DRY GROVE.

ST. MARY'S, ENTERPRISE

DELEGATE—J. T. O'Ferrell.

ST. PAUL'S, GRAND GULF.

NATIVITY, GREENWOOD.

DELEGATES—Gideon Montjoy, L. P. Yerger, J. H. Lucas.

ALTERNATES—Littleton Upton, R. E. Welch, Thomas Lucas.

ASCENSION, HERNANDO.

OUR SAVIOR, IUKA.

ST. JOHN'S, LAKE WASHINGTON.

MEDIATOR, McCOMB CITY.

REDEEMER, MAGNOLIA.

ST. MARK'S, MISSISSIPPI CITY.

DELEGATE—W. T. Walthall,*

HOLY COMMUNION, DIAMOND PLACE, P. O.

OUR SAVIOR, OSYKA.

MEDIATOR, PASCAGOULA.

ST. JOHN'S, RIPLEY.

MISSION, RODNEY.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, ROLLING FORK,

MESSIAH, SHUQUALAK.

ST. LUKE'S, SHIELDSBORO.

ST. CLEMENTS, VAIDEN,

DELEGATES—R. R. Hawkins,* W. M. Chalmers.

ALTERNATES—J. E. Talbot, N. J. Vick.

* Were present.



Rules of Order.

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1. The Council shall be opened on the first day with full service, including Council Sermon. (the preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Council,) and the Celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day with morning prayer.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member who shall be in the Council when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Council unless seconded, and when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it for a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, amend it, or divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay on the table or to adjourn shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Council is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The report of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion, unless recommitted by vote of the Council. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion, by the Council, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Council thereon.

13. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same question shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert be indivisible.

All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without any member may appeal from such decision; and on such no member shall speak more than once without the leave of the

All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they d. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion d the same may be made; no after amendment to such amend- all be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is nsideration, a substitute for the whole matter may be received. osition on a subject different from that under consideration shall ed under color of a substitute.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The first thing in order after the Council is declared organized y for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer ouncil for the ensuing year.

The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Council ending of said rules by the Secretary.

The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz: 1st. ntials; 2d. On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d. On of the Church; 4th. On Finance; 5th. On Constitutions and 6th. On Diocesan Schools; 7th. On Unfinished Business.

The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Council.

The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Reading of the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Property.

The reading of the Bishop's Journal and address.

The election of Diocesan officers:—1st. Members of the Standing e; 2d. Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d. Trustees of the Episcopal l Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Dio- lississippi; 4th. Trustees of General Theological Seminary; 5th. of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th. Deputies to General Conven- . Any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Dio-

The reading of Reports from Committees appointed by the last

Designation of time and place for holding the next Council.

Report of Standing Committees.

Report from Special Committees.

General Motions, Resolutions and Propositions.

Proceedings of the Council.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, MISS., }
April 11th, 1883.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Mississippi, assembled at this place this morning, pursuant to appointment.

The Assistant Bishop and Clergy entered the Church in procession, singing the 202d Hymn of the Hymnal.

Morning Prayer was begun by Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., reading to the Lessons. The Rt. Rev. H. M. Thompson, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, pronounced the Absolution.

The Lessons were read by Rev. Alex. Marks, who continued on through the Service to the Litany, which was read by Rev. Wm. Munford.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Assistant Bishop. Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., read the Epistle, and the Assistant Bishop the Gospel.

The Annual Sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., of Vicksburg, from the text: St. John's Gospel, x, part of 3d verse.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Assistant Bishop, who was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., and Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D.

The Assistant Bishop and Clergy left the Church, singing the 477th Hymn of the Hymnal, as a recessional.

After a short interval the Bishop of the Diocese entered, took the Chair, and called the Council to order.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Clergy, and the following answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. H. M. Thompson, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rector Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg; Rev. Upton B. Bowden, Missionary, Summit, McComb City, etc; Rev. Wm. P. Browne, Rector Winona, Vaiden, Carrollton; Rev. Wm. Cross, Rector Church of the Mediator, Meridian; Rev. Benjamin Halstead, Rev. Emir Hamvasy, LL. D., Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. Melville M. Moore, Rev. Wm. Munford Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. T. R. B. Trader, Rev. J. W. Turner. And of the Clergy not entitled to seats in the Council—the Rev. I. N. Marks.

The Chair then appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates, to-wit:

Rev. Wm. Munford, Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. Wm. P. Browne.

The Credentials of Lay Delegates were then laid on the Secretary's table, and by him handed to the Committee, who examined and reported certificates in order from twenty-two Parishes and three Mission Stations. Delegates from seventeen of that number answered to their names as follows:

St. John's, Aberdeen—Q. O. Eckford.

St. Alban's, Bovina—Jas. A. Fox.

St. Mary's, Bolton—Hubbard Walton.

Grace Church, Canton—Wm. Priestly, Eugene Conway.

Christ Church, Church Hill—J. S. Johnston, F. F. McCordle.

All Saint's, Grenada—A. C. Leigh, R. A. Armistead.

Christ Church, Holly Springs—Walter Stith.

St. Andrew's, Jackson—P. P. Bailey, D. P. Porter, G. D. Sidway.

St. Mary's, Lexington—R. K. Jones, M. D.

Chapel of the Cross, Madison County—C. L. Hinton, W. Britton.

Trinity, Natchez—John Rawle, R. S. Dixon.

St. Peter's, Oxford—J. C. Wheelless.

Good Shepherd, Terry—Wm. H. Fitzhugh.

Christ Church, Vicksburg—E. D. Farrar, Frederic Speed.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg—G. W. Howard, M. D., H. F. Simrall.

Immanuel, Winona—Frank Hawkins.

St. Mark's, Mississippi City—W. T. Walthall.

The Chair then announced that a constitutional quorum was present for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot was suspended, and Peter P. Bailey was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, by a *vote voce* vote. The Secretary thereupon announced that he had appointed the Rev. Wm. Cross, Assistant Secretary.

It was then moved by Rev. Alex. Marks, that the Rules of Order of the last Council be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Council, and the reading of the Rules be dispensed with.

Carried.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen, not members of this Council, be invited to seats in the Council, and that such persons who may be present, and shall accept this invitation, are requested to leave their names at the Secretary's desk.

Whereupon, the Rev. J. P. Lytton, of the Diocese of Illinois, appeared and took a seat.

The Chair then appointed the following Standing Committees:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Nowell Logan, Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. Wm. C. McCracken, Rev. D. B. Ramsey, and Messrs. Fred-eric Speed and Q. O. Eckford.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. Melville M. Moore, and Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D.

ON FINANCE.

Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. M. M. Moore, Messrs. G. D. Sidway, E. D. Farrar, G. W. Howard, M. D., and M. F. Smith.

ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Wm. Munford; Messrs. P. P. Bailey, A. B. Pittman, H. F. Simrall and Q. O. Eckford.

ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., Rev. J. W. Turner, Rev. Wm. P. Browne, Messrs. W. H. Fitzhugh and Eugene Conway.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. Williard Presbury, Messrs. L. M. Tucker and A. C. Leigh.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Walthall, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of the Council convene at 9:30 A. M., and adjourn at 1 P. M.—to re-assemble at 4 P. M. and continue until adjourned for the day.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, the Council adjourned till 4 P. M.

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The Council re-convened at 4 P. M., the Assistant Bishop in the Chair.

Mr. P. P. Bailey, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund of the Council, made his report. He also made a report in behalf of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property. He also reported as Treasurer of said Board of Trustees; and also as Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund—which several reports, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. P. P. Bailey, read Mr. C. L. Anderson's report of collections of notes for the sale of the Corcoran land, and a statement of notes uncollected, which was referred, on his motion to the committee on Finance.

Mr. P. P. Bailey, made a statement of the personal property held by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, which was also referred to the committee on Finance.

The Assistant Bishop then read the Journal of his official acts since his consecration, which is as follows:

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT BISHOP.

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To the Rt Rev. William Mercer Green, D. D.,

Bishop of Mississippi.

RIGHT REV. FATHER:—

I beg leave to make you the following report of such services as you assigned me as your Assistant, since my consecration, at which you, as Bishop Presiding, committed to me the office of a Bishop in the Church of God, in Trinity Church, New Orleans, Feb. 24th, 1883.

On March 3rd, I went from New Orleans to Jackson, and on the 4th, being Sunday, in St. Andrew's Church, at Morning service I preached and administered (assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Tucker) the Holy Communion. I also addressed the Sunday School, and in the afternoon the Colored School, conducted by Dr. Tucker, and another in West Jackson, conducted by Mr. Williams, a colored man. At Evening Prayer I assisted the Rector, preached and confirmed *seven*.

March 5th—I went to Natchez. On the 6th, assisted Mr. Marks at Evening Prayer.

March 7th—Accompanied by Mr. Marks went to Church Hill. On the 8th, preached, confirmed *two*, celebrated the Holy Communion, met the Vestry and examined into the state of this venerable

Parish, which interested me very much, and encouraged the people to hope for regular services, which they have not had since the removal of Mr. Moore.

Returned to Natchez on the 9th, and at Evening Prayer lectured in the Rector's course, and confirmed *three* persons, one of whom was baptized by the Rector. On the 10th, assisted the Rector at Morning Prayer, and met friends and parishioners in the rectory during the afternoon and evening.

On Sunday the 11th, I preached in Trinity Church morning and evening, administered Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, and catechized the children. On the 12th, I met the Vestry and inquired into the condition of the Parish. I was glad to find that in this well ordered Parish all things were encouraging and that the church is to be improved by the addition of a recess chancel.

On the 13th I went by river to Bayou Sara, where I met the Rev. Mr. Turner. Spending the night at Bayou Sara, we went the next day to Woodville. On the 16th, at Woodville I preached at night to a large congregation, in the newly repaired and very neat Church. On the next day I saw a number of the people. On Sunday, the 18th, I preached at Morning and Evening Prayer, catechized the children, and confirmed *three*. Next day I made a call in the country. Met the Vestry and was glad to find all matters in this pleasant Parish in good order, and well administered. The musical part of the services is scarcely equaled in our city Parishes.

21st and 22nd—I spent traveling back to Bayou Sara, and on the River to Grand Gulf where I arrived at six o'clock on the 22d. Here I was met by Mr. Logan, at the landing. Preached in a bare building, called "the Union Church," and confirmed *two*. This is one of Mr. Logan's missions. After service was driven to Port Gibson, arriving at midnight. The next day, Good Friday, preached there, and drove in the afternoon to St. Elmo (or Epiphany). That evening, at the Rector's request, baptized an adult. The next day, Saturday, 26th, preached in the old Church at this place, confirmed *six* and addressed them, and returned to Port Gibson.

Easter day was spent at Port Gibson. Here I baptized *two* children at the Rector's special desire, (he suffering with a heavy cold). Preached morning and evening, addressed the Sunday-school, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed (addressing them also) an interesting class of *eleven*. Met the Vestry on Monday and consulted and advised about the erection of a Church which is greatly needed. The evidences of thorough and faithful work were at all hands in this most laborious field of Mr. Logan's.

On the 26th I started for New Orleans, by the Bishop's permis-

sion, to fulfill a promise given some time before to deliver the Annual Oration, before the Medical Department of the State University, and to confirm, by request of the Bishop of Louisiana, the class which I had been preparing as Rector of Trinity Church.

The first duty was performed on Thursday, the 29th, with, I hope, good effect on a large class of graduates, and the large audience. The second followed Morning Prayer at Trinity Church, April 1st, where I preached morning and evening, baptized several infants and confirmed forty-five, and one in private.

Remaining in New Orleans till the 7th of April, I went to Jackson, joining the Bishop there, and on the *eighth* took charge of the services in St. Andrew's Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gunn, of Minnesota, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, visited and addressed the Sunday-school, and at evening service confirmed *one*. The removal of the Rev. Dr. Tucker is a great blow to this Parish; but his work was too thorough to fall to pieces. It remains steadfast, and there are few fields so inviting to an earnest and able man. On Monday the *ninth*, I met the Vestry in examination of and consultation about the affairs of the Parish.

This completes my report of such duties as the Bishop has laid upon me since my Consecration. They are new to me and I to them. I feel deeply my own unfitness, and their seriousness. I ask the prayers of our Right Reverend and Venerable Father, and of the brethren.

I would, without presumption, call attention to, what appears to me, some immediate wants of the Diocese.

They are, first, A Diocesan Board of Missions; second, A board of Church Education; third, Immediate attention to the matter of a Diocesan Endowment.

In this connection I would like to recommend to the confidence of the Diocese, and as a means of great usefulness, the *Church News*, which may be made the organ of the Diocese, and a help in every Parish.

With great respect and affection,

I beg to remain Right Rev. Sir,

Yours in the common work.

HUGH MILLER THOMPSON.

On motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, it was

Resolved. That so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Diocesan Missions be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

The Assistant Bishop appointed as such Committee, Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Wm. Munford, and Messrs. G. D. Sidway and John Rawle.

Rev. Nowell Logan moved that so much of the Assistant Bishop's Address as was not referred to the special Committee on Diocesan Missions, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Mr. W. T. Walthall moved to amend by referring so much of the address as relates to the "Church News" to a special committee of three.

The original motion as amended was carried, and the Assistant Bishop appointed Messrs. Walthall, Sidway and Rawle, such Committee.

Mr. Speed moved that so much of the Address as relates to the Permanent Endowment of the Episcopate, be referred to a Special Committee, to be appointed by the Chair—which was carried, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Speed, Farrar and Fitzhugh, such Committee.

Rev. Nowell Logan moved that the portion of the Address relating to Education be referred to the Committee on Diocesan Schools, to be appointed by the Bishop, and the remainder to be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Moved by P. P. Bailey that the house go into an election for members of the Standing Committee, which was carried.

The Chair appointed Rev. J. W. Turner, and Mr. Q. O. Eckford as Tellers.

During the counting of the ballot, Rev. Alex. Marks read the report of the Committee on the Ratification of the Prayer Book, which, after considerable discussion, was temporarily withdrawn.

The Tellers announced the result of the ballot for a Standing Committee, and the Chair declared the following, having received a majority of votes cast, as elected, to-wit:

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., P. P. Bailey and Geo. W. Howard, M. D.

Moved by P. P. Bailey that the ballot be suspended, and Geo. M. Klein be elected Treasurer of the Diocese, which was carried, and Mr. Klein was unanimously re-elected to that office.

It was then moved by R. A. Armistead that the ballot be suspended, and the present Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be re-elected by *vive voce* vote, which, after discussion, was not adopted; but on a ballot being taken, the result was declared to be that the same Trustees were elected, to-wit:

G. D. Sidway, P. P. Bailey and Marcellus Green.

Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., made a partial report on the state of the "Bishop Green Fund," promising a full report to-morrow.

Rev. Alex. Marks again introduced the report of the Committee on the Prayer Book, which, after discussion, was again withdrawn.

It was then moved by Rev. M. M. Moore, that the rule requiring ballot for the election of an Ecclesiastical Court be dispensed with.

Carried.

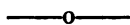
Rev. Alex. Marks then nominated the present Court, to-wit:

Rev. James T. Pickett, D. D., Rev. Benjamin Halstead, Rev. Melville M. Moore, Rev. Willard Presbury, and Rev. William Munford.

On a vote being taken, the Chair declared the present Court re-elected.

Rev. Melville M. Moore moved that a committee of three be appointed to nominate, as Delegates to the General Convention, persons who would be sure to attend, and report the names of such persons to the Council for action; which motion was lost.

Mr W. T. Walthall then moved to adjourn till 9:30 A. M., tomorrow, which was carried, and the Council stood adjourned.



SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12th, 1883.

The Council assembled at nine o'clock, A. M., as per adjournment. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. J. W. Turner, and Rev. Emir Hamvasy, LL. D.; the Assistant Bishop pronouncing Absolution.

At the close of Morning Prayer, the Assistant Bishop called the house to order.

It was moved by Mr. Speed, that the roll call be omitted.

Carried.

The Assistant Secretary then read the proceedings of the previous day, which were approved. At the close of the reading of the proceedings, the Secretary found on his desk the card, of the Rev. E. Fontaine, D. D., of Louisiana.

On motion of Rev. Nowell Logan, it was,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to send by telegraph a message of greeting to the Diocesan Council of Louisiana, now in session in St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, La.

Carried.

Whereupon, the Secretary prepared and sent the following telegram:

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, MISS.,
April 12th, 1883.

*To the Council of the Diocese of Louisiana,
St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, La.*

The Council of the Diocese of Mississippi send greeting its message of love and good will to the Council of the Diocese of Louisiana.

P. P. BAILEY,
Secretary of Council.

The venerable Bishop of the Diocese then began the reading of his Annual Address, but before he had proceeded half way through it, was forced from physical infirmity to call to his assistance the Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., who finished the reading of the address as follows:

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Bishop's Journal and Address.

1883.

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DEAR BRETHREN:

Our Conciliar year, though unmarked by any great national calamity, has been distinguished by many lesser evils which give their character to the time, and more or less, affect the welfare of the Church. Seldom has the same number of months been known to witness the death of so many distinguished men, or a like amount of what the world calls accidents, both by sea and land. As if the death-bed were too slow in demanding its supply, a perfect recklessness of life seems to pervade our people. And to our shame be it spoken, a general disregard of moral obligations may be seen in the repeated and conspicuous betrayal of public trusts. And that the great enemy of truth is on the alert may be seen by the growth of unbelief in its various forms. These things call us to increased watchfulness and prayer.

To these evils of a general kind, affecting our character as a people may be added others which more nearly touch the interests

and I are bound to subserve. With the incoming of this year came the death of one of our Bishops, the Rt. Rev. C. Talbot, D. D., LL. D., of Indiana. The character of this Bishop was marked by great singleness of purpose and devotion to his work. If his early life were written and seen that few men have made greater struggles, or more obstacles on their way into the Ministry; and have exceeded his zealous labors, either as Deacon, or Bishop. When I say therefore, in one word, that this brother was one of the most faithful and energetic, nothing more can well be added to the value of his life or to the reverence due to his memory.

In this breach in our Episcopate, you may doubtless anticipate naming another loss to our American Church in the person, who though he wore no mitre, had the highest qualifications for the office of a Bishop. What one of our Clergy who knew the Rev. Alva T. Twing, D. D., in the length and breadth of his zeal for Christ would not willingly admit that when he died, "a prince and a great man fell in our Israel." I can ever revisit that missionary room without sadly yet recalling his cordial grasp of the hand, his words of welcome, and his readiness not only to meet, but to anticipate the needs of his visitor. May God, in his great love for the Church, send us a man of like spirit, to stand in his place.

In connection with the mention of that good, and truly great man, comes to our thoughts the memory of another lover of the cause of Missions; I mean the Rev. John Hill, who, for fifty years toiled so patiently in a foreign field. At every occasion will not admit of even the briefest story of his life.

But to pass, without thankful recognition, the name of a man so judicious, so untiring in his work, would be an injustice to his memory.

Next to notice not any work of death in our Diocese, but the removal from amongst us of one whose place was hard to fill, in the affection of either his Bishop or of the congregation which he served. That was to me the loss in which I learned that the Rev. Dr. Tucker had been called to another Diocese. Ever since his settlement here, I have leaned much of my weight upon that loyal and found in his kind help a pillar of strength. Never known a man more bold for the truth, or more fearless in defense.

With a fertile genius and a wonderful adaptability of nature, he was the same successful worker in the Negro Sunday-school, in the Penitentiary, in the deliberations of our Synod directing the Finances of the Diocese, and in administrative affairs of his Parish. I feel sure, dear brethren, that

for you as well as for myself, I may say of this good brother, that our sorrow in parting from him is equaled only by the benediction we send after him.

And, now I hope that you will pardon me, brethren, if I call you off from our immediate losses to name one in which we may properly mingle our regrets with those of our mother Church and the whole Church of the Reformation:—I mean the death of the learned and saintly Edward Bouverie Pusey, D. D., LL. D., That profound scholar and almost saint was no Bishop; nor was he a missionary, in the ordinary sense of that word. No title that the Church can give would have added to the loveliness of his character or the usefulness of his labors. Nor could any laurels ever won in the Missionary field surpass in value those which crowned his pen in the exposition and defence of Catholic truth. Never was a man so well abused, or more thoroughly misunderstood. And never was abuse more patiently borne; and never did a son of the Church go down to the grave more honored, or more fully justified from the timid fears of his brethren, as well as the misconceptions of his opponents. May the Church never want the defence of one so godlike in spirit, and so strong in intellect, in the day of her trial.

Let us now turn from these dark shades in the retrospect of our Conciliar year, and see what ground we have for thanksgiving, as a Diocese. The blessing of health has been enjoyed in every quarter; and the earth has not withheld her usual increase. In addition to these provisions of a material nature we are this day permitted to enjoy a more distinguishing favor in seeing your aged Bishop cheered with an Assistant to uphold his failing arms; and the Diocese blessed with an Overseer able to defend and advance its highest interests. If a pledge be wanted of the successful ministry of your new Bishop among you, and over you, we trust it may be seen in the unanimity which marked his election, and in the hearty welcome which has, thus far, greeted his coming. Let us all love him for his work's sake, until we learn to love him for himself. May he ever receive the like favorable regard, and loving obedience shown to his senior. And may he long live to fulfill, in the highest office of the Church the hopes and expectations founded on the faithful and zealous exercise of his previous ministry.

On Sunday, April 23d, at the close of our last Council in Christ Church, Vicksburg, I admitted the Rev. William Cross (Deacon) to the order of the Priesthood. The Candidate was presented by Rev. Dr. Sansom, and the sermon preached by Rev. Wm. Munford--both of whom united in the "Laying-on-of-Hands." At the Evening Services, *seventeen* were confirmed.

Friday, 28th—I preached in the afternoon and confirmed *two* in Canton.

Sunday, 30th—I preached in Iuka, baptizing *two* children. In the afternoon *three* others were, in like manner, baptized in private. Here, I must turn aside to say that the welfare, if not the continued existence of this congregation for the last four or five years, has depended upon the devoted and self-sacrificing labors of one woman, a daughter of whom the Church may well be proud. In the way of instructing the young, and conducting the public worship of the congregation, she has been as a Pastor to that little flock, limited in her labors only by a feminine sense of propriety, and an obedience to the canons of the Church.

May 4th—I transferred the Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., to the Diocese of Wisconsin.

May 9th—Appointed Jas. S. Johnston a Lay Reader in Christ Church, Church Hill.

May 21st—Baptized an infant (my great grand-child) at the University of the South.

May 30th—Received notice from Malachi Pegues of his intention to become a Candidate for Orders.

June 2d—At Wappinger's Falls, New York, with the consent of the Bishop of that Diocese, I conferred the Order of the Priesthood upon Rev. Frederick A. De Rosset, M. A., who had received with high distinction, both his Academical and Theological training at our "University of the South."

June 30th—I transferred the Rev. A. J. Tardy to the Diocese of Minnesota. On the same day, I licensed Frank Eugene Evans to act as Lay Reader in St. Paul's Parish, Woodville.

July 10th—Received the Testimonial of the Standing Committee in recommendation of Malachi Pegues as a Candidate for Deacon's Orders.

July 26th—Received notice from the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., that he had taken charge of a congregation at Livingston, and would also give monthly services to St. Luke's Church, Brandon.

August 3d—I presided at the Commencement of the University of the South.

On the 11th, I set out for the White Sulphur Springs for the recovery of my health; and returned on the 7th of September in a greatly improved condition.

August 18th—Received notice that the Rev. Mr. Cross had accepted an invitation to take charge of the two Parishes at Meridian and Macon.

September 20th—In compliance with a request of our last Council, I sent out a general notice to the Clergy and Laity that I had appointed the 28th of November as the time, and St. Andrew's

Church, Jackson, as the place, for holding a Special Council, for the election of an Assistant Bishop.

October 7th—I received notice that the Rev. D. B. Ramsey had been called to the charge of St. James' Church, Greenville.

8th—I officiated in St. Paul's Church, Sewanee, Tennessee, and confirmed *three* persons.

10th—In St. Augustine's Chapel, at the University of the South, I united a couple in Matrimony; and immediately afterward entered on my Fall visitation.

On the 13th I reached Rosedale; where I remained three days, preaching on Sunday, the 15th, and administering the Holy Communion. I was thankful at finding their beautiful little Church so little injured by the late unprecedented overflow of that place, and the surrounding country. But the great losses sustained by the people have given a serious check to the growth of this young but promising little flock. As an evidence of their unabated zeal, as soon as the flood had subsided, they set about building a rectory, which was nearly completed before I left them.

18th—I reached Johnsonville, and on the 19th preached, or rather, lectured on some of the distinguishing views of the Church, baptizing *one* adult, and *two* children, and confirming *six* persons.

Saturday, 21st—Transferred Rev. Oliver Wilson to the Diocese of Louisiana.

Sunday, 22d - I preached in Greenville, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Ramsey. The Holy Communion was administered, and *fourteen* were confirmed. In the evening Mr. Ramsey preached, and *two* more were confirmed. It was a two-fold gratification to me to find that their new Rector had entered so auspiciously upon his work, and to see him and his family comfortably settled in a neat and commodious rectory, built since my last visit to the Parish.

Wednesday, 25th—I preached at Bovina, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Cross.

Friday, 27th—At Edwards, I preached again, assisted by Rev. Mr. Cross.

October 28th—I appointed Rev. Alexander Marks and Dr. G. W. Howard, as Delegates to the First Annual Convention of the "Church Temperance Society."

On the same day I transferred Rev. Dr. Juny to the Diocese of Tennessee.

Sunday, 29th—I preached at Bolton in the forenoon; and Mr. Cross in the evening, when *one* was confirmed.

Tuesday, 31st—I preached in Raymond to a small congregation;

and was sorry to see no signs of growth in a Parish once so zealous for the house of God.

November 1st—Assisted by Rev. Wm. Cross, I preached in Clinton. The Church people here, though few in number, and in moderate circumstances, are not without the hope of ere long having a temple of their own to worship in.

Friday, 3d—Assisted by Rev. Dr. Harris, I preached in Brandon both forenoon and evening, when *two* were confirmed.

Sunday, 5th—I preached at Terry, administering the Holy Communion. Rev. Mr. Bowden preached in the evening at my request, when I baptized *two* adults, who, together with one other candidate, were afterwards confirmed.

The following day, accompanied by Mr. Bowden, I rode to Dry Grove, intending to officiate on the 7th; but finding that that was the day for the election of members of Congress, when nothing but noise and politics would prevail, I put off our Services till the next day, when I preached to a very small congregation; confirmed *one* person, and administered the Holy Communion. The beautiful little Church stood there in all its structural entireness; but there was around it an air of loneliness, not to say desolation, sickening, as well as saddening to the heart. Scarcely four years had passed since that was a healthful and joyous community, blest with a school, a Pastor, and every privilege of Public Worship. Now a voiceless pulpit, empty benches, a neglected graveyard, a disbanded school, and a resigned Pastor are the sad evidences of its departed prosperity.

Nov., 6th—I licensed George M. Marshall as a Lay Reader in Trinity Church Parish, Natchez.

Thursday, 9th—I preached at Crystal Springs, baptizing *two* children, confirming *one* person, and administering the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I rode a few miles in the country to give the Holy Communion to a worthy, but afflicted sister in Christ.

Sunday, 12th—At Diamond Place, Warren county, the Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., officiated at my request, and confirmed *three* persons.

Sunday, 12th—Assisted by Rev. Mr. Bowden, I preached in Hazlehurst, and administered the Holy Communion. My appointment to preach again in the evening was prevented by a heavy fall of rain. I was privileged however, to give baptism to *one* child in private.

November 14th—In Brookhaven I preached to a small congregation, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I gave in private the Laying-on-of-Hands, to *four* young persons.

who had been unavoidably prevented from attending the Church in the forenoon.

Thursday, 16th—I was present at the marriage of one of my Clergy in Calvary Church, New Orleans, and was privileged to give the final blessing that so beautifully closes that impressive ceremony.

Friday, 17th—At Osyka, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Browne, I met a small congregation; made an address to them on their present depressed and Pastorless condition; and baptized one colored infant. The child was accompanied and presented by its grandmother only. Neither father nor mother came to take their part in the blessed ceremony. They were of a generation that had grown up amid the so-called blessings of emancipation. The aged grand-parent was only following out the wholesome instruction of a kind mistress in days when a misguided zeal and a mistaken philanthropy had not as yet torn the slave from the spiritual guidance of his master, and left him the victim of ignorance, self-will and a heathenish superstition.

Saturday, 18th—I visited Magnolia, and after the usual service, delivered a lecture appropriate to the needs of the congregation, and baptized two children.

Sunday, 19th—Assisted by Rev. Mr. Bowden, I preached at Summit; confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, 20th—I transferred Edward D. Juny, a Candidate for Orders, to the Diocese of Tennessee.

Tuesday, 21st—Was the day appointed for the consecration of the "Church of the Mediator," at McComb City. The sermon, at my request, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Douglass, lately its Pastor; and the Holy Communion was administered. I preached in the evening, and also next day, both forenoon and evening. Two were confirmed. There are encouraging signs of life in this congregation, evidences of which may be seen, not only in their newly finished Church, but in a commodious Rectory hastening to completion.

Thursday, 23d—On my return up the road, I turned aside to unite a couple in Matrimony, a few miles West of Hazlehurst.

Friday, 24th—At 2 A. M. I reached Canton; preached both forenoon and evening the same day, and confirmed four persons. I was really grieved to find that this unfortunate Parish was once more to be without a Pastor—the Rev. Mr. Browne having determined to remove to Winona. At the conclusion of the Evening Services, I set out, in company with Rev. Dr. Harris, for the "Chapel of the Cross," which, together with a small congregation at Livingston, he has taken under his charge.

I was, by appointment, to have preached in Livingston the next day, but was prevented by the unusual inclemency of the weather. After an abatement of the cold and rain, I went in the afternoon, with Dr. Harris, to the "Chapel of the Cross," where I found assembled a goodly collection of colored people; among whom I was glad to shake hands with many whom I had known as members of our communion in better days; but now, alas! given over to the strong delusion of trusting to blind guides who had them at their will. After an appropriate service of prayer and praise, I made them a kindly address, reminding them of their former advantages, in contrast with their present need of sound instruction, and their dependence on a religion of feeling in place of keeping the Commandments. My address was followed up by remarks of like import by Dr. Harris. Both of which were listened to with apparent acceptability; but God only knows with what profit. I was pleased that the Chapel itself, dear to me by many sad but pleasing memories, had by Dr. Harris been substantially repaired, and put in a condition to be comfortably used. The Dr. seems deeply concerned for the spiritual good of the negroes around him; and is very desirous of getting some young minister to assist him in duly caring for them. May God help him in his praiseworthy, but difficult work.

Tuesday, November 28th—This being the day appointed for the meeting of our "Special Council," a large number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, for the purpose of electing an Assistant Bishop. After a due organization, the business of the Convention was entered upon by the Clergy retiring for consultation, and very soon making known to the Laity that their choice had fallen upon the REV. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, D. D., of Trinity Church, New Orleans. This nomination was very readily and unanimously confirmed by the Laity; and the Convention adjourned the same day, after signing the necessary Testimonials. To this brief and formal statement of the transactions of that day, permit me to add the expression of my heart-felt thankfulness to the Giver of all grace for the loving unanimity which marked its proceedings, and the Heavenly guidance vouchsafed to us in the choice of one so suited to our needs, and already endeared to the whole Church by his labors of both tongue and pen.

November 29th—In St. Andrew's Church, and in the presence of several of the Clergy, I received the Rev. Upton B. Bowden, Deacon, into the Order of the Priesthood. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Wm. P. Browne; and the sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Tucker. The Rev. Dr. Pickett, and Rev. Mr. Munford assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, and in laying their hands on the candidate.

December 1st—I preached in Lexington, both forenoon and evening; and confirmed *one* person the following day. This Parish continues to prosper, under the labors of its aged but untiring Pastor. A large and well-toned Bell, with an appropriate belfry now calls the congregation to Prayer; and a new and beautiful Altar graces the Chancel. I was pleased also to see that the Rector has been able to build a comfortable house for himself, at a short distance from the Church.

Sunday, Dec. 3d—Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Browne, I preached in St. Clement's Church, Vaiden, and confirmed *one* person. I preached again in the evening, when *one* other candidate was confirmed. This Parish, together with that of Winona, will constitute the principal field of Mr. Browne's labors.

Monday, 4th—I preached at Winona, assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Browne.

My next movement was through the Tallahatchie swamp to Greenwood, a place which I had never yet visited; but which with the adjacent country, contained a number who love the Church, and desire its services. Mr. Browne had paid them two visits with promising effect; and I was both surprised and pleased as I entered the town, to see a Church building of our own already on its way to completion. We remained there from the 5th to the 7th—nearly three days. I preached twice in the Court-house; baptizing *one* child, confirming *four* candidates, and administering the Holy Communion. Mr. Browne preached once, and baptized several adults. A more general interest would have been shown in our services, but for the intense coldness of the weather. Better Missionary ground can no where be found within the Diocese than in the country lying along the Tallahatchie river, for thirty or forty miles above Greenwood.

I reached Carrollton on Thursday the 7th, but was prevented from holding services in public, by the continued severity of the weather. Nearly all the members of the Church met me, however, in the parlor of a friend (Wm. Helm) where *one* pious youth renewed his baptismal engagements in the rite of confirmation.

Sunday, 10th—I preached in Grenada, both forenoon and evening, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. McCracken. I was pleased to see that a new and beautiful altar had been placed in the Chancel since my last visit.

Tuesday, 12th—I was by appointment at Batesville, but held no services, as no sufficient notice had been given of my coming.

Wednesday, 13th—I acknowledged the transfer of Rev. T. R. B. Trader, from the Diocese of Texas.

th to 17th—These five days were divided between Sardis, at both of which places I preached on Sunday, thested by the Rev. Dr. Hamvasy.

, 18th—I preached at Hernando, baptizing *three* children, confirming *one* person. I was assisted in the Services by Mr. Grantham, of the Diocese of Tennessee, who several weeks been giving his services to this place, and its neighborhood.

ay, 21st—This was the day which I had appointed to Early Grove. but owing to the want of a necessary carriage, I could only get within ten miles of the place. Waiting and resting at Moscow, in Tennessee, I baptized *t* of the Early Grove Parish.

ed to 27th—Was spent at Oxford, and, I am happy to report the roof of their beautiful Rectory. Truly, has this mission shown how much may be accomplished by a united effort by a zealous and judicious Rector. Signs of growth and movement were to be seen in both the spiritual and temporal condition of the Parish. Scarcely a year had gone since

Mr. Moore had taken them in charge, under many circumstances; and already was everything working in due order. The Pastor and people loving each other, and striving together for the good of the Church. It was a pleasure to me to see the congregation in the harmless festivities of the season; and to observe that although the main feature of the occasion was unavoidably exhibited in the Church, and befitted a crowded and promiscuous assembly, yet everything was decently and in order." If wonder be expressed why each of decorum marred the enjoyment of that festivity, explanation may be found in the fact that it was begun earlier and closed with giving of thanks by the Rector. On the 24th, *six* were confirmed.

day, 29th—I preached in the evening to a very small congregation at Water Valley. The absence of an unusual number of the congregation was owing to the night work made necessary by the Christmas holiday just at an end. The next day I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Moore, who preached for me in the evening. *one* was confirmed.

th to 31st—These three days were given to Holly Springs. On the 31st, I preached in the forenoon, assisted by Messrs. Moore and Grantham. In the afternoon, Mr. Moore preached, and *four* were confirmed. I was truly concerned and depressed and pastorless condition of this once strong and flourishing Parish. But, on calling the Vestry together, I found them resolved to see that they are resolved, in the Spring, to set themselves to work in improving the general condition of the Parish and in building a Rectory.

My last appointment was for Lamar, on the 2d day of the New Year, 1883; but as there were serious obstacles in the way of our meeting together at that place, a worthy friend* kindly preferred the use of his parlor. At the appointed hour, the room was well filled by both a white and colored congregation. I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. M. Gordon. One person was confirmed.

Jan. 4th, 1883—I reached my home at Sewanee; thus ending three months visitation, begun in much distrust of my ability, go through with it, but graciously sustained and prospered to the end.

Jan. 16th—I transferred Frederic Juny, a candidate for Order to the Diocese of Tennessee.

Jan. 18th—Gave my canonical assent to the consecration of Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi.

Feb. 12th—Licensed William M. Chalmers to act as Lay Reader for the Parish of St. Clement's, at Vaiden.

Feb. 13th—Received notice that the Rev. Isaac N. Marks had accepted a call to become the Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen. At this I greatly rejoice; for that important Parish has been too long without a Rector.

Feb. 14th—Heard this day, with the profoundest regret, that the Rev. Dr. Tucker is about to remove into another Diocese. May God fill his place with one of like ability and usefulness.

Monday, Feb. 19th—Set out on my Spring visitation.

Wednesday, 21st—Was spent in Jackson, where I had the pleasure of baptizing, in private, an aged and highly valued friend.

Saturday, 24th—St. Mathias' day—In Trinity Church, New Orleans, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, D. D., the Rt. Rev. John N. Gallaher, D. D., and the Rt. Rev. Samuel L. Harris, D. D., I gave to the Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D. authority to exercise the office of an Apostle and Bishop in the Church of Christ. The sermon was preached by Bishop Wilmer, who together with Bishop Gallaher presented the candidate. More than forty of the Clergy were present; and the Church was crowded with a deeply interested multitude.

The following day, (Sunday, 25th,) at the invitation of Rev. Dr. Douglass, I preached in Calvary Church to a large congregation.

Monday, 26th—I baptized an infant in private, by the bedside of one of its parents.

* Mr. Andrew Jackson.

Thursday, 28th—I preached in Grace Church, at the Bay of St. Louis. The next day, I preached again at the other end of the Bay, and baptized *one* infant. Before the late war, there was here a regularly organized Parish, by the name of "St. Luke's." Having, for some years, been without a Rector, it has forfeited its Parochial existence, and fallen back upon such Missionary aid as may be vouchsafed it. The congregation possesses a very suitable site for a Church building; and with a becoming effort, they might bless themselves with a place of worship of their own.

Saturday and Sunday, 3d and 4th—Were given to Pass Christian. On Sunday I preached and confirmed *twelve* persons—a good evidence of the reviving prosperity of this long declining Parish. The Rev. Dr. Lewis, of the Diocese of Louisiana, is compelled by delicate health, to make his residence here. For some time he has officiated in the Church, and performed the part of a true Pastor; but is unwilling, on account of his health, to pledge himself to a continuance of his highly profitable labors.

Monday, 5th—At Handsboro I baptized *one* infant.

Tuesday, 6th—I preached at Mississippi City; and assisted by Rev. Mr. Trader, administered the Holy Communion to a very small congregation.

Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th—were given to Biloxi. I preached both days, assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Trader.

Tuesday, 13th—Was spent at State Line with a few kind friends who have rarely the privilege of seeing a Minister of our Church.

Thursday, 15th—I preached at Enterprise to a large congregation, baptizing *two* children, and administering the Holy Communion. The next day, I was joined by the Rev. Mr. Cross; who, at my request, preached in the evening. I hope that Mr. Cross will soon be able to give this pastorless people a monthly visitation.

Saturday and Sunday, 17th and 18th—Were given to Meridian. I was prevented from officiating on Saturday, as the Church was then undergoing some necessary improvement. On Sunday I preached and administered the Holy Communion, with the assistance of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Cross, when *eight* were confirmed. At 4 P. M., I baptized *two* children. Mr. Cross preached in the evening. It was very gratifying to me to see the strong hold which Mr. Cross has already taken on this congregation, and the readiness with which they second him in all that he undertakes for their good. The Church, when thoroughly completed, would be an ornament to any of our largest cities.

Tuesday, 20th—Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Cross, I visited Grace Chapel, built for the benefit of her family and neighbors, by one whom I may excusably term a Mother in Israel, if not in an

Apostle's language, an "Elect Lady." The modest little Temple was well filled. Mr. Cross preached at my request. The Holy Communion was administered, and *one* person confirmed. The following day, for the gratification of an aged member of the family, I preached in the parlor of the good lady. I was truly glad to learn that a Sunday School was in successful operation, and composed of a goodly number, considering the distance of many of them from the Chapel. At the request of some of the leading members of the congregation, I gave to Mr. William Neville a license to act as their Lay Reader.

Thursday, 22d—I preached A. M. in Macon. The next day I preached again, baptizing *two* adults and *one* infant. The *two*, thus baptized, were subsequently confirmed. This congregation, with a resident Minister, would soon become a prosperous Parish.

Saturday and Sunday, 24th and 25th—Were given to Columbus. On the 25th, (Easter Sunday) I preached in the forenoon, and the Rev. Mr. Munford in the evening, when *ten* were confirmed. Success still crowns the faithful labors of the Rector of this Parish.

27th 28th and 29th—Were spent in Aberdeen. Soon after my arrival I became so unwell, that in the place of my usual service I could do nothing more than go to the Church, and confirm *three* candidates. My lack of service, however, was more than supplied by the Rev. Mr. Munford, who kindly followed me from Columbus, and preached for the congregation several times. I was surprised, as well as highly gratified, at seeing the renewed life shown by this congregation, after having been some years without a Rector. By a strenuous effort, they have beautified, as well as completely repaired their Church; engaged the services of a most deserving Minister, and fitted up for him a very comfortable abode. The Rev. Isaac N. Marks was expected to take charge of them early in April.

Saturday, 31st—I this day received notice that the Rev. Mr. McCracken had resigned the charge of "All Saint's Parish." Grenada.

Sunday, April 1st—I officiated in Holy Trinity Church, Vicksburg, assisted by the Rector and the Rev. Wm. C. McCracken. The Holy Communion was administered, and *eleven* confirmed. The congregation was unusually large and very attentive. The next day, at the request of the Rector, I confirmed another of his congregation in private.

At Christ Church, in the afternoon, I had the gratification of attending the Easter celebration of the Rector's Sunday School. The interesting services of that occasion should have been rightly held on the previous Sunday, but at the request of the children, were postponed until my coming. It was a truly beautiful

and gratifying sight to see nearly two hundred children marshaled in perfect order, uniting their young voices in the praise of their Maker, and casting their willing offerings into the treasury of the Church,—offerings not obtained by any of the meretricious devices of the day, such as fairs, and feasts, and games of chance, but by learning early to deny themselves indulgences natural to their age. At the request of the Rector, I addressed a few words to the children. After which a class of *ten* candidates was confirmed.

Wednesday, 4th—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. McCracken, I took a boat for Yazoo City; but on my arrival, was too unwell to officiate further than to confirm *four* young persons in the parlor of the good lady by whom I was entertained. Mr. McCracken supplied my place in the Church by officiating several times. And I have since been pleased to learn that the Vestry has engaged him as their Rector.

Saturday, 7th—I was far from being well when I left Yazoo City; and, although the good people did what they could to add to the comfort of my journey, a ride of twenty-five miles over a rough and neglected road, put me upon my bed again, on my arrival in Jackson. Fortunately for the congregation, my Assistant reached the City about the same hour with myself, and gave them full services the next day. For three days I was closely confined to my room; and left it for a few moments only, to give the “laying-on-of-hands” to a friend more aged and infirm than myself.

It will thus appear that within our Conciliar year, I have been enabled, though in much weakness, to baptize *twenty-six* infants, (one of which was colored) and *six* adults. *One hundred and forty-three* candidates have been presented to me for confirmation. These, together with three others, confirmed by Bishop Adams, at my request; and *thirty-four* confirmed by my Assistant, make up an aggregate of *one hundred and eighty*. *One* Church, at McComb City, has been consecrated. *Two* Priests have been added to our Clerical List, viz: The Rev D. B. Ramsey, from the Diocese of Arkansas; and the Rev. T. R. B. Trader, from the Diocese of Texas. The Rev. I. N. Marks, from the Diocese of Louisiana, has so recently removed among us as to forbid him an active participation in our present Council. *Five* have been transferred to other Dioceses, viz: Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., to Wisconsin; Rev. A. J. Tardy, to Minnesota; Rev. O. Wilson, to Louisiana; Rev. F. A. Juny, D. D., to Tennessee; and the Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., to Alabama.

One Presbyter has died, the Rev. Richard Hines, D. D. After a faithful service of many years in the Diocese of Tennessee, Dr. Hines took the Rectorship of the two Parishes of Meridian and Enterprise, where he continued to do good service to the Church,

until a sad accident on a Railroad so shattered both his mental and physical powers, as to cut short a life that to all appearances promised many more years of usefulness to the Church. Our sympathies are with his widow and children.

Two Deacons have been invested with the Priesthood, viz: Rev. Wm. Cross, and the Rev. Upton B. Bowden. One other, the Rev. F. A. De Rosset, was Priested by my hands for the Diocese of New York, at the request of its Bishop.

Two of our Clergy have resigned their Parishes, viz: The Rev. Dr. Pickett, that of Christ Church, Holly Springs; and the Rev. Mr. McCracken, that of All Saint's, Grenada.

Rev. Mr. Browne has removed from Canton to Winona, and taken charge of that Parish, in connection with Vaiden and Carrollton. Rev. Mr. Cross, lately in charge of Bolton and several adjacent stations, is now Rector of the Church of the Mediator, Meridian.

One candidate for Holy Orders has been received, viz: Malachi C. Pegues. *Two*, viz: Frederic and Edward D. Juny, have been transferred, at their request, to the Diocese of Tennessee, leaving three only on our present list.

Seven Lay Readers have been added to our list, viz: James S. Johnston, for Christ Church, Church Hill; Frank Eugene Evans, for St. Paul's Church, Woodville; Geo. M. Marshall, for Trinity Church, Natchez; Wm. M. Chalmers, for St. Clements Church, Vaiden; Wm. Neville, for Grace Chapel, Kemper county; Berkeley Green and Frederic Speed, for Christ Church, Vicksburg.

Four Parishes, viz: St. James', Greenville, St. Peter's, Oxford, Grace Church, Rosedale, and Mediator, McComb City, have provided themselves with comfortable and becoming rectories during the past year.

Two couples have been united by me in matrimony.

In addition to these minor, but not unimportant acts, permit me here to felicitate you, dear brethren, and to express my thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for my having been permitted, by the imposition of my hands, to give you another and an abler Bishop, to hold up my falling hands, and to be to you, in all things, the Leader and the Shepherd that you need. It would be superfluous in me if I were to pause here to commend him to your love and reverence, when he is already known and esteemed in every quarter of our American Church. And it would be a waste of words in commending you to him, were I to do more than to express my confident belief that you will extend to him an equal, if not a greater measure of trust and loving kindness than you have extended to me.

It remains now, only, that I briefly bring to your notice some matters left unfinished at our last Council, and others that have long called for more attention than can well be given them within the brief session of a Council.

Is not some organization necessary in order to give a more decided and effectual expression of the views of our Diocese as to the suppression of intemperance in our land?

Ought not an "Episcopal Fund" be commenced at once, in order to assure our people that the day of "Assessments" will ere long give place to another more becoming and less onerous method of providing for your Bishop.

Has any action been taken by our Clergy in compliance with that wise and noble suggestion thrown out at our last Council, of reserving one-tenth of the Communion offerings, as a yearly increasing fund for the support of Clergymen worn out in our service?

Would not the present Missionary operations of the Diocese exercise a manifold efficiency, if they were put into the hands of a committee of Clergy and Laity, who should receive and disburse all its funds, under the direction of your Bishop?

Is our "University of the South," but especially its Theological Department, to be suffered to languish, and fail in its great work, for the want of the few hundreds pledged by us, at its opening? Nineteen students are there in preparation for our Ministry; three of whom are our own candidates, and will soon be occupying some of our destitute Parishes.

Before I close, let me say a word in relation to that excellent paper, the "Church News," published at Natchez. No Diocese has juster cause to be proud of its "Periodical" than we. It has been ably conducted from the beginning; but will soon appear in a form of increasing ability and interest.

I will detain you no longer, dear brethren, than to leave with you my best blessing; together with my prayers that God may guide your present counsels to the glory of His name, and return you in safety to your respective homes, with an increasing love for His Church, and a daily-renewed dedication of yourselves to His service.

W. M. GREEN.

April 12th, 1883.

The Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., reported in behalf of the Committee on "Admission of New Parishes," as follows:

Your Committee on the Admission of New Parishes respectfully report, that they have had under consideration applications from St. Clement's, Vaiden, and Church of the Nativity, Greenwood. They find the papers in each case informal and imperfect,

but not so materially deficient as to preclude the admission of these Parishes.

Your Committee beg to recommend the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Parish of St. Clement. Vaiden, be, and the same is hereby admitted into union with the Council of this Diocese.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Parish of the Nativity, Greenwood, be, and is hereby admitted into union with the Council of this Diocese.

3d. *Resolved*, That the two Parishes here named be required to cure the informalities and imperfections in their respective papers, under the direction of the Bishop.

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. Wm. Munford, in behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates, reported as having examined and found in order the credentials of delegates from the Churches of the Nativity, Greenwood, and St. Clement's, Vaiden.

Mr. L. P. Yerger, of Greenwood, and Mr. R. R. Hawkins, of Vaiden, appeared and took their seats as delegates from their respective Parishes.

Rev. Mr. Logan moved that so much of the Bishop's Address as referred to the establishment of an Episcopal Fund, be referred to the committee on the "Endowment of the Episcopate;" and so much as related to the "Church News," be referred to the Special Committee appointed yesterday for the consideration of that matter; and the remainder of the Address be referred to the committee on the State of the Church.

Which several motions were adopted.

Mr. H. F. Simrall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the funds derived from the Corcoran Lands, or that may be hereafter so derived, and from the sale of the Railroad Stocks, donated to the Diocese, ought to be used, so far as needed, in the purchase or erection of a Diocesan residence.

2d. *Resolved*, That the practicability of making the purchase or erection contemplated in the foregoing resolution, be referred to a Committee, who, with the concurrence and advice of the Bishops, may take final action in the premises, and consummate such purchase or erection at such convenient place in the Diocese as may be selected by the Committee, with the advice and consent of the aforesaid.

Mr. D. P. Porter moved to amend the above by striking out the words, "as may be selected by the Committee," and insert the words, "as may be selected by the Bishops," which was lost.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved the following amendment: That for the Conciliar year, the assessment on the Corcoran Lands for the Episcopal Salaries, shall be paid by the Trustees.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, the whole matter was laid on the table until the report of the Committee on the Permanent Endowment of the Episcopate be received.

The Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., in behalf of the Committee on the Tenure of Church Property, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed by the last Diocesan Council on the "Tenure of Church Property," beg leave to say that they have nothing further to report, in addition to the report of the Committee of last year, and request that the present Committee be discharged, and a new Committee appointed for further consideration and action upon this important subject.

The report was received and the Committee discharged.

Thereupon, the Chair appointed the following a Committee on "Tenure of Church Property," to-wit:

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. M. M. Moore, Judge E. D. Farrar, Judge F. Speed, Murray F. Smith.

The Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., offered the following amendment to Canon X, on Finance, to-wit:

SECTION 2. In order to insure a just and equitable assessment, every Parish in union with this Council, and every Mission Station, shall be assessed for the Bishop's Salary a certain per centage on the Salary paid, or to be paid to its Minister, to be determined at each Annual Council; provided, that this does not include any amount that is allowed to the Parish or its Minister by the Bishop, from the Diocesan Missionary Fund, or any other Missionary organization; and also provided, that when any Parish shall be vacant, the said assessment shall be determined by the salary paid to the last incumbent.

SECTION 3. In order to provide a fund for defraying the contingent expenses of the Annual Council of this Diocese, every Parish and every Mission Station in the Diocese shall be assessed at the rate of ——— per cent on the salary of its Minister. And any Parish or Mission Station destitute of a Clergyman, and represented by Lay Delegates in the Council, shall pay at each Annual Council not less than Five Dollars to what is known as the Contingent Fund, or send a certified copy of a vote of its Vestry that it is unable to pay the same.

SECTION 4. The Finance Committee shall be a Standing Committee, holding office from Council to Council, and until their successors are appointed; and shall have general charge of the finances of the Diocese.

Which proposed amendment was referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., offered certain amendments to Canon IX, which were referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons. Which committee having considered the proposed amendment made the following report:

"The committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was submitted a change in Canon IX, beg leave to recommend as a substitute for the present Canon IX, the following:

CANON IX.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Secretary of the Council shall furnish a form of Parochial reports to each Parish in the Diocese, at least thirty days before the meeting of each Annual Council. Such formal report shall conform to the prescribed form recommended by the General Convention of A. D. 1874.

Which report and substitute was accepted,

Rev. Alex. Marks, in behalf of the Committee appointed to consider that part of the Assistant Bishop's Address relating to a Diocesan Missionary Organization, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Assistant Bishop's Address, suggesting the formation of a Diocesan Missionary Organization, would recommend the adoption of the following Canon on the subject.

CANON XXI.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. There shall be elected at each Annual Council, a Missionary Committee, consisting of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, and five other members—three Clergymen and two Laymen.

SEC. 2. This Committee shall be charged with the Missionary Work of the Diocese as hereinafter defined; with the collection and distribution of funds for the erection of Churches, Chapels and Rectories, with providing for the support of candidates for the Holy Ministry; and with the direction and support of such other instrumentalities as may belong to the extension of the Church.

SEC. 3. The Bishop of the Diocese, and in his absence, the Assistant Bishop, shall preside in all meetings of the Committee. If both are absent a Chairman, *pro tem.*, shall be appointed.

SEC 4. The Committee shall meet annually, at the place, and

on the first day of the Annual Council of the Diocese, and at such other times and places as the President may from time to time appoint. Three attending members, providing one be a Clergyman, shall form a quorum; and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 5. The Committee may, from time to time, recommend Missionary Stations to the Bishop. No Missionary, or Missionary Station, shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop, or Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, or in case there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee; which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 6. At every Annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a Report of the transactions of the year then terminated; which, with the Treasurer's Report of the receipts and expenditures, shall be laid before the Council and published in its Journals, either entire or in part.

SEC. 7. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee. Vacancies during the recess of the Council may be supplied by the Committee. No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer, but by an order of the Committee, signed by the President.

SEC. 8. Every Clergyman in the Diocese is considered an agent of this Committee, and is expected to send the Treasurer a part, at least, of the offerings of his Church in his Parish, for the promotion of the interests of the Diocese

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. MARKS, Chairman.

The Rev. M. M. Moore reported as follows:

The undersigned, appointed a committee to report to the Council an equitable basis of Assessments, reports, that he has been unable to accomplish anything for this purpose, and asks to be discharged.

M. M. MOORE.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the interest of the Orphan's Home Fund be placed in control of the Finance Committee.

Which resolution, with the amendment offered by Mr. Frederic Speed, was withdrawn.

Mr. Berkeley Green, acting in behalf of the Treasurer of the Diocese, read the Annual Report, which, on motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, was referred to the committee on Finance.

The report will be found in the appendix.

Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., made a report on the state of

the "Bishop Green Fund," which was accepted, and on motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, was referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore the Council adjourned 4 o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Council re-assembled at the above hour, with the Ass Bishop in the chair.

Rev. Alexander Marks then read the report of the Finance Committee, and offered a resolution to abridge the Journal as far as possible, and also to assess the Episcopal Fund and Church Property to the amount of \$200, to be used for the payment of Episcopal salaries. The above report was received, the resolution adopted, and is as follows:

The Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the following reports referred to them, and find them correct:

Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

" " Collector of the Bishop Green Fund.

" " Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

" " Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

" " Treasurer of the Episcopal Residence Fund.

" " Treasurer of the Council.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That the Proceedings of the Council be as far as possible abridged as possible, in order that the cost of publication of the same may be reduced.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, the net income from the Funds in their hands for the current year, to be applied by him to the payment of Episcopal salaries.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following assessments for the coming year:

(See Appendix for Assessment roll.)

Mr. M. F. Smith moved that the assessment of Christ Church Parish, Vicksburg, be placed at \$200 for the Episcopal Salary and \$25 for the Contingent Expenses of the Council. Which was seconded and carried.

The regular order of business was called, and the chair decided that to be the election of Delegates, Clerical and Lay, to

General Convention; and appointed as tellers Rev. I. N. Marks and Mr. L. P. Yerger, and the ballot was then taken for Delegates to the General Convention.

During the counting of the ballot, Mr. Frederic Speed, on behalf of the Committee on the Permanent Endowment of the Episcopate, reported as follows :

The Special Committee on the Permanent Endowment of the Episcopate, beg leave to report that they have given to the subject that mature consideration which its importance demands, and the limited time at their disposal would permit.

While in the present financial condition of the Diocese it may seem like entering upon a work entirely beyond our power to accomplish, and one which but few of us can hope to see completed, your Committee think that by consolidating all of the several funds of the Diocese, and the appropriation of the interest accruing therefrom to the present support of the Episcopate, and the appropriation of one general collection to be made in each year in all the Parishes to the augmentation of the principal of that fund, the interest earned by the amount each Parish or Missionary Station shall contribute to be annually credited to it in reduction of its assessment for the annual support of the Episcopate, that a beginning may now be made under at least as favorable circumstances as like endowments have been completed in other Dioceses.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following Canon, in place of our present Canon XV.

CANON XV.

OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

SECTION. 1. In order to provide a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, every Rector or Minister having charge of a Parish or congregation, shall, on the first Sunday after Christmas in each year, or the first Sunday thereafter on which service is held, cause a special offertory to be made in aid of the fund for the support of the Episcopate; and in case of a Parish or Missionary Station being destitute of the services of a Minister, the duty shall devolve upon the Wardens. The amount received at such offertories shall be paid, without delay, to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall credit each Parish and Missionary Station with the amount thus contributed, and after so doing pay the same to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund with a statement thereof, showing the source from which it is received. The money thus received shall be invested at interest by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, in regular course of accumulation, without diminution, until the Endowment Fund of the Episcopate shall amount to forty thousand dollars, the

income of which shall be devoted to the support of the Episcopate; *Provided*, that there shall annually be credited to each Parish and Missionary Station the amount earned by the proportion of said fund contributed to it by such Parish or Missionary Station, in reduction of its Annual Assessment for the Episcopate. Which interest, so credited, shall not be added to the principal of said fund as hereinafter provided, but shall be paid to the Bishop on account of his salary for the current year.

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SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they may deem best, taking bonds or notes for the re-payment of the principal at the stipulated period, and also for the payment of interest. No loan, however, shall be made by the Trustees, unless the same be secured by deed of trust on unencumbered real estate, or by the hypothecation of good collateral security, the cash value of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to sell the property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a

default in payment of either principal or interest, and such other clauses as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars, in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence.

Your Committee beg leave also to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That after the present year all the income from interest of the several funds now under the control of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, shall be added to the principal of the Episcopal Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC SPEED,
E. D. FARRAR,
WM. H. FITZHUGH,
Committee.

Which report was adopted.

The tellers then made report of the result of the ballot for Delegates to the General Convention, and the chair announced that the following named Clergy had been elected, to-wit:

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. Alex. Marks, Rev. Wm. Munford.

There being one Clerical member still to be elected, a second ballot was ordered; as the result of that ballot the chair announced that the Rev. Nowell Logan was elected the fourth Clerical Delegate.

Mr. H. F. Simrall withdrew his series of resolutions, respecting the Episcopal Fund; his object having been accomplished by the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Permanent Endowment of the Episcopate.

It was then ordered that a ballot be taken for Lay Delegates to the General Convention. Same tellers as before. On the report of the tellers the chair announced that —

E. D. Farrar, Murray F. Smith, Peter P. Bailey, and H. F. Simrall, were elected Lay Delegates to the General Convention.

On motion of Mr. Q. O. Eckford, the ballot for Alternate Delegates, Clerical and Lay, was taken together.

Pending the counting of the ballot, Geo. W. Howard, M. D., in behalf of the Standing Committee of the Diocese made the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee begs leave to report the following, its official acts of the year:

Vicksburg, 22d April, 1882.—The Committee met and organized by electing Rev. H. Sansom, as President, and G. W. Howard, Secretary. The President was instructed to prepare and forward the necessary testimonials, according to the Canon, in the matter of the election of Rt. Rev J. H. D. Wingfield, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of this Diocese.

Vicksburg, 24th May, 1882.—The Committee, by letter addressed to the Bishop, recommended that he postpone calling a Special Council to elect an Assistant Bishop until sometime in the Fall of this Year.

Vicksburg, 8th July, 1882.—Mr. Malachi Christofer Pegues was recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Vicksburg, 9th January, 1883.—Consent was given to the Con- of Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Mississippi.

G. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

Mr. Walter Stith, of Holly Springs, introduced a preamble and resolution regarding certain Church Property at Holly Springs, and known as the "St. Thomas Hall" property; which was referred to the Committee on Tenure of Church Property.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams D. D., reported in behalf of the committee on Constitution and Canons, as follows.

"The Committee on Constitution and Canons recommend that the proposed amendment to Canon X., as offered by Dr. Sansom, be not adopted. Which report was adopted.

The Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., resigned as collector of the "Bishop Green Fund," Resignation accepted.

Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That our Parochial Reports be hereafter published as in former years, each report appearing upon its own page in the Journal.

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. W. T. Walthall moved the following amendment to Section 6, of Canon 1, strike out the words "fourth part" and insert the word "half" and strike out the last clause, beginning with the words "and four concordant."

This amendment, on motion, was referred to committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Teller reported the vote for Alternate Delegates to the General Convention; and the chair announced the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., and Rev. M. M. Moore of the clergy, and G. D. Sidway, John Rawle, A. B. Pittman, and J. S. Johnston of the Laity were elected. Leaving two vacancies in the clerical list yet to be filled.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Harris moved to suspend the ballot,

and by "*vive voce*" vote elect those two of the Clergy who had received the next highest number of votes to-wit: the Rev. Emir Hamvasy, L.L. D., and Rev. J. T. Picket, D. D.,

The vote was then taken, the chair declared the aforementioned unanimously elected.

On motion of G. D. Sidway the ballot was suspended and Rev. M. M. Moore was elected by "*vive voce*" vote, the Registrar and Statician.

On motion of Q. O. Eckford, the Rev. M. M. Moore was elected the Collector of "Bishop Green Fund."

On motion of E. D. Farrar, P. P. Bailey was elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund.

It was then moved by Rev. Alex. Marks that the house now go into the election of a Diocesan Missionary Committee, which was carried,

And the following were elected by "*vive voce*" vote, to-wit:

Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., Rev. Henry Sansam, D. D., Rev. Wm. Munford, Geo. W. Howard, M. D., Murray F. Smith.

Mr. G. D. Sidway nominated Rev. Wm. Munford to fill the vacancy among the Trustees for the University of the South for Mississippi; and the vote being taken, he was declared by the chair to be elected. P. P. Bailey nominated Geo. W. Howard as Treasurer of the University of the South, for Mississippi. Upon the vote being taken he was declared elected.

On motion of Q. O. Eckford it was determined now to fix the time and place of the next Council.

Rev. Alex. Marks nominated as the place, Natchez.

Rev. Wm. Munford nominated as the place, Columbus.

After discussion on the subject, Mr. Marks withdrew his nomination, and the house proceeded to vote; and the chair declared the result to be that St. Paul's Church, Columbus, was fixed as the place, and Wednesday, May the 7th, 1884, the time for holding the next Council.

The house, on motion of Rev. Alex. Marks, then adjourned till 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

At 7:30 P. M., the Council re-assembled.

After Prayers, and an address by the Assistant Bishop, it was moved by P. P. Bailey that six hundred copies of the proceedings of this Council, together with the proceedings of the Special Council held in November last, be printed.

Rev. M. M. Moore introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Assistant Bishop be requested to embody the substance of his address, made to the Council this evening, in writing, in order that it may be printed and sent through the Diocese.

P. P. Bailey read the substitute to Article VI, of the Constitution passed at the last Council, and moved its adoption.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved its indefinite postponement; which latter motion was carried.

P. P. Bailey read the substitute to Article III, of the Constitution passed at the last Council, and moved its adoption.

Rev. Alex. Marks moved its indefinite postponement; which latter motion was carried.

Rev. Mr. Logan reported for the Committee on the State of the Church; which, on motion of W. T. Walthall, was received and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of the Church, have had before them reports from 40 Parishes and Mission Stations, out of 65 reported in the Journal of last year as in union with the Council, leaving only 25 Parishes and Stations not reported; most of them small places and nearly all without a Rector. This indicates at the outset of your Committee's labors an increased interest in the practical work of the Diocese, which argues well for the future; though it is fair to presume that the improvement in this respect is due in great measure to the efforts of our late statistician, and the working of his plans for collating the statistics of the Diocese. The Committee have also had before them a printed sheet purporting to be a tabular statement made from the Parochial Reports for the year ending Dec 31st, 1882, but which proves to be so full of errors, plainly typographical, as to render it valueless as a source of information.

Your Committee have supplemented the reports before them with the Journal of last year, and such reliable information as they could otherwise obtain, and submit herewith a carefully compiled Tabular Statement,* giving as fully as possible the statistics of the Diocese for the year beginning January 1st, 1882, and ending Dec. 31st, 1882, in compliance with the Canon adopted in the Council of 1881. The first three columns of this statement, showing the *strength* of the Church in the Diocese, have been made as full as possible, the numbers being estimated where blanks occur in the reports. As for instance, where the number of "families" was given the "whole number of souls" was estimated at the ratio of four individuals to each family. The remaining columns showing the *growth* of the Church are necessarily imperfect, owing to the want of some reports. The column giving the value of Church property, your Committee believes to

*See Appendix.

be approximately correct. From these Statistics your Committee compiles the following summary:

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| Number of families, | 1355 |
| Whole number of souls,..... | 5601 |
| Communicants | 2401 |
| Baptisms, | 262 |
| Confirmations, | 147 |
| (Confirmations reported by the Bishop, 180.) | |
| Marriages | 75 |
| Burials..... | 119 |
| Sunday School Teachers and Officers..... | 262 |
| Sunday School Scholars | 2047 |
| Churches and Chapels..... | 47 |
| Rectories..... | 17 |
| Aggregate of Contributions..... | \$33,890 49 |
| Value of property .. | \$244,075 00 |
| Debt (reported)..... | \$2,134 00 |

The apparent discrepancy between the Bishop's report of Confirmations, and that of the Committee is due partly to the absence of certain reports, and partly to the fact that the year embraced in the Bishop's report extends from Council to Council, while that of the Committee's report, as has been already said, embraces the civil year. A comparison of the figures given above with those of last year would give no correct view of the state of the Church, for the reason that the report of last year covered only eight months, and for the further reason that a greater number of reports than usual have been collated this year. Your committee are inclined, on the whole, to believe that there is a real improvement in the material as well as spiritual condition of the Diocese, and with thankful hearts look hopefully to the future. Before leaving this subject your Committee would urgently call the attention of the Council to the necessity of absolute correctness and great care in the preparation of Parochial Reports, the whole value of statistics depending upon their *truthfulness*, and with a view to this end recommend that the arrangement of the form of Parochial Reports be made more clear and simple than as at present.

In the brief time allotted them, owing to the unexpectedly early adjournment of the Council, your Committee are unable to enter into the consideration of many matters which seem to press upon the attention of the Church in this Diocese. In as few words as possible they beg to call your attention to the various recommendations contained in the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, and especially to the supremely important subject of Diocesan Missions, upon which, under God, our prosperity and growth as a Diocese so largely depends.

Among the many grievous losses sustained by the Church at large during the past year, one only occurs in our own Diocese. Our beloved brother, the Rev. Richard Hines, D. D., has gone to his reward. A patient sufferer for many years, worn out in his Master's service,—to him has come at last the happy summons, "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." We recommend that the usual memorial page be inserted in the Journal of this Council.

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Your Committee cannot refrain from congratulating the Council upon the great accession of strength to the Diocese in the person of our newly consecrated Assistant Bishop; and while they note with profound sorrow the failing strength of our much loved and venerable Diocesan, give their hearty thanks to Almighty God for this noble succour in his hour of need, and in the time of our necessity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NOWELL LOGAN, Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Sansom reported in behalf of the Committee on Tenure of Church Property, that they had considered the resolution introduced by Mr. Stith, of Holly Springs, relating to certain property, known as the "St Thomas Hall" property, and that this Committee, in the absence of more explicit information, would suggest that the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, be directed to make such disposition of said property as the Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, after investigation, shall deem proper.

Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., reported on the amendment to Section 6, Canon 1, of the Constitution, as offered by W. T. Walthall, as follows:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons beg leave to report: That according to their judgment the proposed amendment is unconstitutional.

Whereupon, Mr. Walthall moved that the report of the Committee be laid upon the table, which was carried.

Mr. D. P. Porter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property are hereby authorized to sell such part or parts of the real estate owned by the Diocese in the suburbs of the city of Jackson, being the old site of the Bishop's residence, as in their judgment may be needed or necessary to raise a fund for building a Bishop's residence.

Which was carried.

The Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S. T. D., moved that Mr. W. T. Walthall be requested to retain his seat in the Council with voice and vote; which was unanimously carried.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, it was

2. That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be requested to look into the condition and title of the Church property at Grove.

7. T. Walthall made a verbal report, as Chairman of the Committee on the Church News, with the request to be permitted to send full written report to the Secretary for publication.

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Clergy and Laity of the Council of the

Diocese of Mississippi:

The Committee to whom those parts of the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, respectively, relating to the "Church News," a monthly periodical now published in Natchez, were referred, have the honor to report their cordial acceptance of the views expressed by our Right Reverend Fathers, and concur in their recommendations.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity for a more appreciation and more liberal support of the Church press, by the Clergy and Laity. Nothing tends more to deepen our interest in the great work which the Church has to do in the future, than to enlarge our Christian sympathies beyond the limits of a mere parochialism, and to strengthen the bonds which ought to unite with the whole "Household of Faith," than an intelligent maintenance with the trials, the triumphs, the struggles, the progress of that household in all its departments. Let all members be one of another," and whatever emphasizes the value of that mutual membership cannot fail to react in the field of personal and practical piety.

The press is not like the font, the altar, or the pulpit, a mere adjunct of grace or of instruction, of directly Divine appointment, to be merely admitted. But to reject the use of the press as an instrument in the work of the Church, on this account, would be as unreasonable as to refuse to avail ourselves of the agency of the press. Episcopal visitations and missionary journeys, because the primitive Apostles traveled on foot or in rude Roman galleys, condemn the use of paper, because the Epistles of St. Paul were written on parchment.

The reference to the literature and journalism of the Church is not inexcusable in the Diocese of Mississippi, distinguished as it is, more than thirty years ago, by the foundation of a journal, devoted to the interests of the Church, which has been conducted for some years with signal ability by a Clergyman and Laymen of this Diocese, of honored memory.

THE CHURCH NEWS, which has afforded a basis for these remarks, began its existence as merely a parochial organ, but has since enlarged its scope to an extent which may be regarded

as at least commensurate with the limits of the Diocese. Both of our Bishops have given it the stamp of their approval and recommended it to general support. The Assistant Bishop, whose record in Christian literature and journalism has obtained for him a distinguished and brilliant reputation throughout the Church, is understood to be giving it the benefit of more than a merely passive support. It is hoped that under his fostering care, and with the aid of his great influence, the ultimate outgrowth of this enterprise may be a journal of still wider range, worthy of the active support of the whole American Church—especially of the Church in the Southern and South-western States, which has, besides the general subjects that concern all, to deal with such special interests as those of the University of the South, the spiritual needs of the colored race, and others arising from peculiar ecclesiastical and social conditions.

This is but an imperfect statement of some of the reasons which operate to give additional force to the consideration due to suggestions made by both of our Right Reverend Fathers. Your Committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend that all suitable means be employed to impress upon Churchmen and their families the advantages of giving more attention to the literature and journalism of the Church, and the duty of contributing more liberally to their support; and that the Reverend Clergy, in particular, be requested to interest themselves in this behalf among their parishioners, especially in behalf of the only periodical recognizing the authority and control of the Church, that now exists in this Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. WALTHALL,
JOHN RAWLE,
G. D. SIDWAY,

April 12th, 1883.

Committee.

Rev. Dr. Harris also made a verbal report for the Committee on Diocesan Education; requesting permission to send written report to the Secretary for publication. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

This Committee having had under consideration the matter of Church Schools within the Diocese, begs leave to report that they find there are no schools of any description whatever, either under control of the Council, or under Episcopal or visitorial supervision. They are convinced that the Church can never become the great power she is entitled to be in this land until she begins more vigorously and hopefully than heretofore has been attempted in this Diocese, to impress herself upon the young. The little which may be imparted of Christian doctrine in Sunday-schools need not be undervalued, and we are not forgetful of the large

er of Christian families wherein children are taught not only
ents of doctrine, but also principles of Christian living.
ot all our Church people are careful, as their obligations
hem to be, so to train up the little ones of the household as
the blessing of God, to secure for them, later on, a status
ristian men and women. They are, many of them, indiffer-
any education distinctively Christian; and to this indiffer-
must be attributed the lack of intelligent effort to establish
maintain Church Schools, either Diocesan or Parochial.

this Committee was referred the portion of the Assistant
p's Address relating to the University of the South. It will
numbered that at one time this Diocese, in common with
d others, if not all the ten Dioceses immediately interested
life and work of this University, by resolution of its Annual
il, appropriated and ordered payment of five hundred dol-
er annum. to the Treasurer of the Theological Department.
Dioceses making similar order there should have been a
n income to this department of \$5000. After the first year
ayment ceased to be made and since that date the depart-
has done its work with less than the fourth part of the
which its officers had been led to expect. The statement
t should be its own appeal to the justice and liberality of
issippi Churchmen. We do not doubt that the large strength
to the Diocesan administration by the Assistant Bishop
e felt not in the Diocese only, but at Sewanee also, in the
iation and improvement of many things needing the care-
tention of the Board of Trustees, and commanding the
htful interest of devout Churchmen everywhere.

For the Committee,

GEO. C. HARRIS, Chairman.

W. T. Walthall moved that the resolution regarding the
lity of women as vestrymen, introduced by him at the last
il, and referred to this Council for further consideration, be
aken up and acted upon.

ereupon, Rev. Mr. Logan moved to postpone indefinitely;
was carried.

r. Nowell Logan then offered the following complimentary
tions:

Resolved, That the members of this Council tender their thanks to the
f this Church for the excellent music which has so enlivened and
ied the proceedings of this Council.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be, and are hereby tendered
stry and Wardens of Grace Church, and the citizens of Canton, for
ny courtesies, and the kind hospitality extended the members of the
il during their stay in this city.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be, and are hereby tendered all such Railroad and Steamboat lines as reduced their fares to members attending the Council.

On motion of Rev. M. M. Moore, it was

Resolved, That after the usual religious services, the Council adjourn, *sine die*.

Such services were ordered by the Assistant Bishop, at the conclusion of which the chair declared the Council adjourned.

WM. M. GREEN,

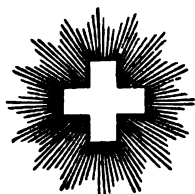
President of the Council.

Attest:

PETER P. BAILEY, *Secretary.*



I N M E M O R I A M .



RICHARD HINES,

PRIEST AND DOCTOR.

A Native of North Carolina. Educated at the University of that State.

Ordered Deacon and Priest by the late Bishop Atkinson.

He removed in 1857 to Memphis, Tennessee, where he became first Rector of St. Mary's Church; when this Church was made in later years the Cathedral, Dr. HINES became its first Dean, retaining that office until his resignation in 1871.

He removed to the Diocese of Mississippi in 1873, taking charge of the Churches in Meridian and Enterprise.

In the autumn of 1881 he received serious injuries in a Railway accident, and was thereafter an invalid to the day of his death, which was March 30th, 1883.

DR. HINES' special characteristics were, openness, candor and straightforwardness.

In manner that of great boldness and rare zeal in pressing on others the strong convictions of his own mind, while among his friends who shared his views, he was gentle as a woman.

"Eternal rest grant him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him."

Canons.

CANON IX.

Adopted in 1883, as a substitute for the present Canon.

ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SEC. 1. The Secretary of the Council shall furnish a formal Parochial report to each Parish in the Diocese, at least thirty days before the meeting of each Annual Council. Such formal reports shall conform to the prescribed form recommended by the General Convention of A. D. 1874.

CANON XV.

(Adopted in 1883, as a substitute for the present Canon.)

OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE

SECTION 1. In order to provide a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, every Rector or Minister having charge of a Parish or congregation, shall on the first Sunday after Christmas in each year, or the first Sunday after on which service is held, cause a special offertory to be made in aid of the fund for the support of the Episcopate. In case of a Parish or Missionary Station being destitute of the services of a Minister, this duty shall devolve upon the Wardens.

The amount received at such offertories shall be paid without delay to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall credit each Parish and Missionary Station with the amount thus collected, and after so doing pay the same to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, with a statement thereof, showing the source from which it is received.

The money thus received shall be invested at interest by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, in regular course of accumulation without diminution until the Endowment Fund of the Diocese shall amount to forty thousand dollars, the income of which shall be devoted to the support of the Episcopate; provided that there shall annually be credited to each Parish and Missionary station, the amount earned by the proportion of said income contributed to it by such Parish or Missionary Station in relation of its annual assessment for the current support of the

copate which interest so credited shall not be added to the principal of such fund as hereinafter provided, but shall be paid to the Bishop on account of his salary for the current year.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer of the Diocese and the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall each report at each Annual Council of the Diocese the amount and source from which such fund shall be received, and in addition thereto the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall report the amount and sources from which additions to said fund shall be received, and also the amount earned from interest upon the aggregate amount contributed to said fund by each Parish or Missionary Station, that the same may be credited to it in reduction of the annual assessment for the current support of the Episcopate.

SEC. 3. The Council shall annually elect three Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, who shall be members of three separate Parishes, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to take charge of and manage under the direction of the council the Episcopal Fund and Church property. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said fund, collect the annual interest due thereon and pay the same as provided in Section one. Where a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal from the Diocese it shall be filled by the standing committee; the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until the vacancy be filled.

SEC. 4. All bonds, notes or other moneys due on account of said fund shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or notes now payable to the standing committee shall be transferred to said Trustees.

SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they may deem best, taking bonds or notes for the re-payment of the principal at the stipulated period and also for the payment of interest. No loan however shall be made by the Trustees unless the same be secured by Deed of Trust on unincumbered real estate or by the hypothecation of good collateral security, the cash value of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the trustees to sell the property, or so much thereof as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest, and such other clauses as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence.

CANON XXI.

ON MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. There shall be elected at each Annual Council a Missionary committee, consisting of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, and five other members, three Clergymen and two Laymen.

SEC. 2. This committee shall be charged with the Missionary work of the Diocese, as hereinafter defined, with the collection and distribution of funds for the erection of Churches Chapels and Rectories, with providing for the support of candidates for the Holy Ministry, and with the direction and support of such other instrumentalities as may belong to the extension of the Church.

SEC. 3. The Bishop of the Diocese, and in his absence the Assistant Bishop, shall preside in all meetings of the committee. If both are absent, a chairman, *pro tem.*, shall be appointed.

SEC. 4. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the Annual Council of the Diocese, and at such other times and places as the President may from time to time appoint. Three attending members, providing one be a clergyman shall form a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 5. The committee may from time to time recommend Missionary Stations to the Bishop. No Missionary or Missionary Station shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop or Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, or in case there be no Bishop, the standing Committee, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 6. At every annual meeting of the Committee the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year then terminated; which with the Treasurer's report, of the receipts and expenditures shall be laid before the Council and published in its Journal either entire or in part.

SEC. 7. The committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be *ex officio* members of the committee. Vacancies during the recess of the Council may be supplied by the committee. No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the committee signed by the President.

SEC. 8. Every clergyman in the Diocese is considered an agent of this committee and is expected to send the Treasurer a part at least, of the offerings of his Church or Parish for the promotion of the interest of the Diocese.

Appendices.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

I. N. MARKS, JR.,RECTOR.

L. Houghton, Senior Warden; Q. O. Eckford, Junior Warden.

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| Number of families..... | 40 | Sunday School Scholars..... | 60 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 4 | Number of Teachers..... | 7 |
| Confirmations..... | 10 | Total | 67 |
| Communicants—Added by removal | 1 | Other officers..... | 1 |
| Removed..... | 6 | Total..... | 68 |
| Died | 1 | Contrib'ns within the Diocese | \$1000 |
| Whole number lost..... | 7 | Contrib'ns without the Diocese | 6 |
| Present number..... | 57 | Total | \$1006 00 |
| Marriages | 1 | Sittings in Churches..... | 400 |
| Burials | 1 | Estimated value of Church..... | 5000 |
| Public services on Sundays..... | 7 | Rectory..... | 200 |
| Holy Com'n—no. of times admin..... | 2 | Total..... | \$5200 |

Being without a Rector the entire year, no accurate report can be made of this Parish.

Q. O. ECKFORD, Junior Warden.

St. Luke's Church, Brandon.

GEORGE C. HARRIS, S. T. D.,RECTOR.

Patrick Henry, Senior Warden; Stith Green, Junior Warden.

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Number of families..... | 20 | Males..... | 1 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 100 | Females..... | 5 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 3 | Total..... | 6 |
| Confirmations..... | 2 | Other Officers..... | 1 |
| Communicants—Added by removal | 3 | Scholars | 25 |
| Admission..... | 2 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Whole No. added..... | 5 | Rector's salary..... | \$200 |
| Present number..... | 32 | Parish Expenses..... | 60 |
| Public Services—on Sundays..... | 24 | Total..... | \$260. |
| Other days..... | 2 | Diocesan—Bishop's Salary..... | \$10 |
| Holy Com'ns—No of times administ'd | | Total..... | \$270 |
| Public..... | 6 | Churches—Number..... | 1 |
| Private..... | 1 | Sittings in Churches..... | 200 |
| Sunday Schools—Number | 1 | Estimated value of Church..... | \$6000 |
| No. of Teachers..... | 6 | | |

I certify the above to be correct, substantially.

P. HENRY, Senior Warden.

Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.

T. R. B. TRADER,.....RECTOR.

James Maycock, Senior Warden.

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 23 | Number of teachers..... | 5 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 130 | Males..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 5 | Females..... | 4 |
| Adults..... | 2 | Total..... | 5 |
| Total..... | 7 | Scholars..... | 40 |
| Confirmations..... | 11 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Communicants added by removal | 1 | Parochial—Communion Alms | \$24 70 |
| Admission..... | 18 | Missions..... | 15 55 |
| Whole number added..... | 19 | Rector's salary..... | 842 00 |
| Removed..... | 3 | Parish expenses..... | 24 05 |
| Present number..... | 46 | Miscellaneous..... | 156 00 |
| Marriages..... | 4 | Total..... | 1056 25 |
| Burials..... | 4 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary..... | 15 00 |
| Public Services—on Sundays..... | 92 | Aggregate..... | 1071 25 |
| Other Days..... | 50 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Holy Com'n—no. of times admin..... | 30 | Sittings in Church..... | 175 |
| Sunday Schools—Number..... | 1 | Estimated value of Church..... | \$3000 |

I certify the above to be correct.

T. R. B. TRADER, Rector.

St. Alban's, Bovina.

(VACANT.)

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|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 10 | Baptisms—Infants..... | 2 |
| Please state as nearly as you can | | Marriages..... | 2 |
| how many of these commune | | Burials..... | 2 |
| regularly, when they can..... | 10 | Public meetings on Sundays..... | 6 |
| And how many do not..... | 10 | On week days..... | 2 |
| How many children are there in | | Holy Communions..... | 3 |
| your Sunday School..... | 6 | Salary of Rector or Missionary | \$100 |
| How many teachers?..... | 2 | How much money did you raise | |
| Churches..... | 1 | during the year for all pur- | |
| Value of Church..... | \$800 | poses..... | \$86 15 |
| How many people can be seated | | | |
| in your church?..... | 150 | | |

Brookhaven Mission.

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|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Number of families..... | 1 | No. Teachers..... | 1 |
| Number of Parishioners..... | 5 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Please state as nearly as you can, | | Value of Church..... | \$500 |
| how many of these commune, | | Confirmations..... | 4 |
| regularly, when they can..... | 5 | Public services on Sundays? Every | |
| How many children are there in | | fifth Sunday. | |
| your Sunday School?..... | 5 | | |

Grace Church, Canton.

Wm. Priestly, Senior Warden; C. S. Priestly, M. D., Junior Warden.

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|----------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 26 | Other officers..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 2 | Scholars..... | 40 |
| Adults..... | 1 | Males..... | 17 |
| Total..... | 3 | Females..... | 23 |
| Confirmations..... | 4 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Present number..... | 37 | Parochial—Communion Alms | \$15 40 |
| Marriages..... | 3 | Rector's salary..... | \$400 |
| Burials..... | 4 | Parish Expenses..... | 207 30 |
| Sunday Schools—Number..... | 1 | Total..... | 622 70 |
| Number of teachers..... | 5 | Diocesan Missions..... | \$9 75 |
| Males..... | 1 | Churches— Number..... | 1 |
| Females..... | 4 | Rectory..... | 1 |
| Total..... | 5 | Value of Church and Rectory | \$3000 |

I certify the above to be correct,

EUGENE CONWAY, Secretary of Parish.

Grace, Carrollton.

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|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 6 | Confirmations..... | 1 |
| Parishioners..... | 35 | Baptisms—Infants..... | 1 |
| How many confirmed persons | | How much money did you raise | |
| have you..... | 19 | during the year for all pur- | |
| Please state, as nearly as you can | | poses..... | \$85 00 |
| how many of these commune | | If possible, specify the purposes..... | |
| regularly when they can?..... | 14 | For occasional services..... | \$75 00 |
| And how many do not..... | 5 | Bishop's Fund..... | \$10 00 |
| Value of Church Property..... | \$100 | | |

Church of the Holy Innocents, Como.

E. HAMVASY.....RECTOR.

N. R. Sledge, Senior Warden; J. P. Wallace, Junior Warden.

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|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Number of families..... | 10 | Holy Com'n—no. of times admin...5 | |
| Whole number of souls..... | 29 | CONTRIBUTIONS within the Diocese. | |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 3 | Rector's salary..... | \$500 00 |
| Communicants added by removal..1 | | Parish expenses..... | 21 60 |
| Removed..... | 9 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary... | 20 00 |
| Died..... | 1 | Total..... | \$541 60 |
| Whole number lost..... | 10 | Churches—number..... | 1 |
| Present number..... | 20 | Sittings in Church..... | 150 |
| Burials..... | 2 | Rectory..... | 1 |
| Public Services—on Sundays..... | 50 | Estimated value of Church.... | \$4000 |
| Other Days..... | 22 | Value Rectory..... | 2500 |
| | | Total..... | \$6500 |

I certify the above to be correct,

E. HAMVASY, Rector.

St. Paul's, Columbus.

WM. MUNFORD,RECTOR.

I. I. Sherman, Senior Warden; C. H. Coche, Junior Warden.

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|------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Families..... | 63 | Communion..... | 20 |
| Communicants..... | 110 | Sunday School Officers..... | 5 |
| Baptisms..... | 28 | Sunday School Scholars..... | 48 |
| Confirmations..... | 17 | Aggregate of all contributions..... | \$1700 |
| Marriages..... | 3 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Burials..... | 3 | Rectories..... | 1 |
| Services Sundays..... | 96 | Value of property..... | \$13,000 |
| Week day services..... | 60 | | |

Trinity, Crystal Springs.

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|---------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of Families..... | 12 | Of these how many were infants.. | 3 |
| Parishioners..... | 51 | And how many adults..... | 1 |
| Number of confirmed persons..... | 19 | Confirmations..... | 1 |
| No. of those who commune when they can..... | 15 | No. of burials..... | 2 |
| No. of children in your Sunday School..... | 20 | Public services on Sundays..... | 24 |
| Number of teachers..... | 4 | What do you pay your Rector or Missionary..... | \$125. |
| Regular services. Once a month. | | How much money did you raise during the year for all purposes..... | \$125. |
| Baptisms..... | 4 | | |

I have received notice that my services are not wished this year at Crystal Springs. They intend to devote the money that was given for salary toward the erection of a new Church building, the old one being in an unsafe condition. The old building is to be taken down, the lot sold, and the new building erected on another lot recently given for the purpose.

U. B. BOWDEN.

St. John's, Marshall County.

JOHN GORDON.....RECTOR.

S. G. Bailey, Senior Warden; R. A. Baird, Junior Warden.

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| Number of families..... | 8 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Whole number of souls..... | 37 | Rector's salary..... | \$100 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 4 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary..... | 10 00 |
| Died..... | 2 | Churches—Number..... | 1 |
| Present number..... | 13 | Sittings in Churches..... | 150 |
| Burials..... | 2 | Rectory..... | 1 |
| Public services on Sundays..... | 26 | Estimated value of Church..... | \$1500 |
| Holy Com'n—no. times admin..... | 4 | Rectory..... | 1000 |
| | | Total..... | \$2500 |

I certify the above to be correct,

J. GORDON, Rector.

St Mary's Enterprise.

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|--------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of families..... | 12 | Current expenses..... | 1 40 |
| No. of Communicants..... | 21 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Baptisms..... | 2 | How many persons will it seat..... | 100 |
| Public Services..... | 2 | What is its value..... | \$1500 |
| Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Names of persons with whom cor- | |
| Number of teachers..... | 6 | respondence may be had on | |
| Number of Scholars..... | 30 | Church matters. | |
| Bishop's salary..... | \$12 | Capt. J. W. Lee, P. H. Lee, Gen. | |
| For Missions..... | \$2 00 | J. W. O'Ferrell. | |

St Paul's, Grand Gulf.

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|----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Number of families..... | 8 | Sittings in Church..... | 200 |
| Parishioners..... | 27 | Have you regular services? Monthly. | |
| Number of confirmed persons..... | 9 | Baptized—Infants..... | 1 |
| State, as nearly as you can, how | | Marriages..... | 1 |
| many of these commune regular- | | Burials..... | 1 |
| ly when they can..... | 6 | No. celebrations Holy Com'n..... | 1 |
| How many do not..... | 3 | How much money did raise last | |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 24 | year for all purposes..... | \$30 00 |
| How many Teachers..... | 2 | If possible please specify the | |
| Churches..... | 1 | purpose..... | Salary Rec. Pt. Gibson. |

Nativity, Greenwood.

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| Number of families..... | 6 | No. of celebrations of the holy | |
| Parishioners..... | 22 | communion..... | 1 |
| Number of Confirmed persons..... | 13 | What do you pay your Rector or | |
| Communicants..... | 13 | Missionary..... | \$50 00 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 15 | If you have none, what can you | |
| Teachers..... | 5 | pay..... | \$400 00 |
| Churches..... | 1 | How much money did you raise | |
| Value..... | \$1000 | during the year for all pur- | |
| Value of lot..... | 100 | poses..... | \$1200 00 |
| How many people can be seated | | If, possible please state the pur- | |
| in your church..... | 200 | poses. | |
| Confirmations..... | 4 | Church..... | \$900 00 |
| Baptisms..... | 5 | Organ..... | 125 00 |
| How many adults..... | 5 | Sunday School books..... | 25 00 |
| Public Services on week days..... | 8 | Pastor's salary..... | 50 00 |

Our Saviour, Iuka.

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|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 5 | Have you regular services? | |
| Parishioners..... | 28 |Lay service by a lady. | |
| Persons confirmed..... | 13 | Baptized—Infants..... | 6 |
| Please state, as nearly as you can, | | Public Service—On Sundays..... | 1 |
| how many of these commune | | On week days..... | 10 |
| regularly when they can..... | 10 | No. celebrations Holy Com'n..... | 2 |
| How many do not..... | 3 | What can you pay a Rector..... | \$50 00 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 33 | How much money did you raise | |
| Teachers..... | 4 | last year for all purposes..... | \$55 21 |
| Churches..... | 1 | If possible, specify the purposes. | |
| Its value..... | \$800 | Bishop's salary, Diocesan Missions, | |
| Sittings in Church..... | 175 | Contingent fund of Council, Question | |
| | | and Library Books for S. S., and | |
| | | repairs on Church. | |

St. Andrews, Jackson.

JOSEPH L. TUCKER,.....RECTOR.

D. P. Porter, Senior Warden; G. D. Sidway, Junior Warden.

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|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Number of families..... | 70 | Other officers..... | 2 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 339 | Scholars..... | 600 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 9 | Males..... | 300 |
| Adults..... | 7 | Females..... | 300 |
| Total..... | 16 | Total..... | 600 |
| Confirmations..... | 2 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Communicants—Added by rem'l | 9 | Parochial—Comm'n alms....\$ | 110 37 |
| Admission..... | 9 | Rector's Salary..... | 1600 00 |
| Whole No. added..... | 18 | Parish Expenses..... | 81 50 |
| Removed..... | 10 | Miscellaneous..... | 2020 29 |
| Died..... | 2 | Total..... | \$3505 59 |
| Dropped..... | 18 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary.... | \$275 00 |
| Whole No. lost..... | 30 | Diocesan Missions..... | 11 75 |
| Present number..... | 193 | Miscellaneous..... | 51 80 |
| Marriages..... | 4 | Total..... | 338 55 |
| Burial..... | 7 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. | |
| Public Services—on Sundays..... | 84 | Jews..... | \$ 4 15 |
| Other days..... | 94 | Foreign..... | 12 00 |
| Holy Communion—No. times ad- | | Miscellaneous..... | 16 00 |
| ministered. | | Total..... | 32 15 |
| Public..... | 51 | Aggregate..... | \$3876 29 |
| Private..... | 3 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Sunday Schools—Number..... | 3 | Sittings in Church..... | 500 |
| Teachers—Males..... | 10 | Rectory..... | 1 |
| Females..... | 44 | Value of Church property. | \$17000 00 |
| Total..... | 54 | | |

I certify the above to be correct.

J. L. TUCKER, Rector.

St. Philip's, Kirkwood.

WILLARD PRESBURY.....RECTOR.

Dr. S. W. Anderson, Senior Warden; Avery Noland, Junior Warden.

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|--------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 7 | Other days..... | 3 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 35 | Holy Com'n—No. times admin..... | 4 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 1 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Present number..... | 20 | Parochial—Communion Alms \$6 | 85 |
| Marriages..... | 3 | Parish Expenses..... | 5 00 |
| Burials..... | 2 | Total..... | \$11 85 |
| Public services—On Sunday..... | 50 | Value Church property..... | 500 |

I certify the above to be correct.

WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector.

St. Andrew's, Lamar, Benton County.**J. GORDON.....RECTOR.****Judge A. M. Clayton, Senior Warden; Dr. Brewer, Junior Warden.**

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| Number of families.....9 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. |
| Whole number of souls.....41 | Parochial—Communion Alms...\$3 60 |
| Confirmations.....1 | Rector's salary.....100 |
| Present number.....17 | Total.....103 60 |
| Marriages.....1 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary.....15 00 |
| Public services on Sundays.....13 | Diocesan Missions.....2 65 |
| Holy Com'n—No. times admin.....4 | Total.....\$17 66 |

I certify the above to be correct,

J. GORDON, Rector.**St. Mary's, Lexington.****B. HALSTEAD.....RECTOR.****Wm. F. Stansbury, Senior Warden; R. K. Jones, M. D., Junior Warden.**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of families.....8 | Females.....2 |
| Whole number of souls.....54 | Scholars.....20 |
| Baptisms—Infants.....7 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. |
| Confirmations.....1 | Parochial—Comm'n Alms...\$35 90 |
| Communicants added by removal..2 | Rector's salary.....\$150 00 |
| Removed.....2 | Miscellaneous.....275 00 |
| Present number.....19 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary.....30 00 |
| Burials.....1 | Miscellaneous.....5 00 |
| Public Services—On Sundays.....48 | Total.....\$311 96 |
| Other Days.....19 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE—Miscellaneous. |
| Holy Com'n—No. of times admin..1 | Jewish Missions.....\$3 70 |
| Public.....20 | N. Y. B. & Pr. B. Society.....4 90 |
| Private.....1 | Total.....\$8 60 |
| Sunday Schools—number.....1 | Churches.....1 |
| Number of teachers.....2 | Sittings in Churches.....200 |
| | Estimated value of Church.....\$2500 |

I certify the above to be correct.

B. HALSTEAD, Rector.**Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.****GEO. C. HARRIS, S. T. D.,.....RECTOR.****J. B. Dewees, Senior Warden; R. W. Rowland, M. D., Junior Warden.**

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| Number of families.....9 | Miscellaneous.....500 |
| Whole number of souls.....51 | Total.....550 |
| Baptisms—Infants.....2 | Diocesan—Bishop's Salary...\$25 00 |
| Confirmations.....4 | Miscellaneous.....5 25 |
| Removed.....4 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. |
| Present number.....23 | Miscellaneous.....\$500 |
| Marriages.....2 | Aggregate.....\$1050 |
| Burials.....6 | Churches.....1 |
| Holy Communion—No. of times administered.—Every Holy day except one Sunday in each month. | Chapels.....1 |
| Private.....3 | Sittings in Churches.....200 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | Sittings in Chapel.....150 |
| Parochial—Comm'n Alms...\$50 00 | Estimated value Ch. or Chapel \$5000 |
| | Other Church property.....1000 |
| | Total.....\$6000 |

I certify the above to be correct.

GEO. C. HARRIS, S. T. D., Rector.

Mediator, McComb City.

U. B. BOWDEN,..... RECTOR,

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Number of families..... | 21 | Marriages..... | 1 |
| Parishioners..... | 93 | Burials..... | 3 |
| Number of confirmed persons..... | 40 | Public Services—on Sundays..... | 30 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 30 | On week days..... | 16 |
| Teachers..... | 4 | Celebrations Holy Communion..... | 3 |
| Churches..... | 1 | Rector's salary..... | \$300 |
| Value..... | \$3000 | How much money did you raise during the year for all purposes?..... | \$1100 |
| Sittings in Church..... | 200 | If possible, please specify the purposes..... | Miss. Sal., \$200, Debt, 300, Rectory, 600. |
| Rectories..... | 1 | | |
| What is its value..... | \$1500 | | |
| Regular Services?..... | Twice a month. | | |
| Baptized—Infants..... | 3 | | |
| Confirmations..... | 2 | | |

Nativity, Macon.

WILLIAM CROSS,..... RECTOR.

N. M. Gooch, Senior Warden.

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|-----------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| No. of families..... | 10 | Other Officers,..... | 1 |
| Number of souls..... | 60 | Scholars..... | 15 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 2 | Males..... | 5 |
| Present number..... | 30 | Females..... | 10 |
| Public Services—On Sundays..... | 8 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Holy Communion—No. of times administered..... | 1 | Parochial—Communion alms..... | \$5 00 |
| No. of Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Rector's salary..... | \$66 70 |
| No. of teachers..... | 3 | Number of Churches..... | 1 |
| Males..... | 1 | Sittings in Church..... | 100 |
| Females..... | 2 | Value of Church..... | \$1500 |

Macon is in very much the same condition as Meridian, only much more so—can do nothing there for the present. No data by which to guide the present work. There have been no services except during November and December.

Report is correct so far as it goes.

WILLIAM CROSS, Rector.

Mediator, Meridian.

WILLIAM CROSS,..... RECTOR.

Geo. E. Redwood, Senior Warden, A. A. Smith, Junior Warden.

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 32 | Females..... | 8 |
| Number of souls..... | 150 | Other officers..... | 2 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 1 | Scholars..... | 110 |
| Removed..... | 2 | Males..... | 30 |
| Present number..... | 148 | Females..... | 80 |
| Marriages..... | 2 | CONTRIBUTION. Within the Diocese. | |
| Public Services on Sunday..... | 12 | Parochial—Communion alms, 31 20 | |
| Holy Communion—No. of times administered..... | 3 | Rector's Salary..... | 100 00 |
| Number of Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Churches..... | 1 |
| No. of Teachers..... | 10 | Sittings in Church..... | 200 |
| Males..... | 2 | Value of Church..... | 2500 00 |

This Parish has been without a Rector for some length of time. There is no parish register and no record has been kept of official acts for several years. The report herein given is necessarily very imperfect but is an approximation. For November and December 1882 it is correct. Bishop's salary will be paid in full by Council in April.

WILLIAM CROSS, Rector.

St Mark's, Mississippi City.

T. R. B. TRADER.....MISSIONARY.

W. T. Walthall, Warden.

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|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Families | 7 | Sunday Schools..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 4 | Scholars..... | 15 |
| Confirmations..... | 4 | Teachers..... | 2 |
| Communicants added..... | 4 | Contributions — Missions..... | \$5 85 |
| Removed..... | 5 | Rector's salary..... | 150 00 |
| Present number | 11 | Parish Expenses..... | 100 00 |
| Marriages..... | 1 | Total..... | \$255 85. |
| Burials..... | 1 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Public services on Sunday..... | 20 | Sittings..... | 200 |
| Holy Com'n-no. times admin..... | 12 | Value Church Property..... | \$800 |

T. R. B. TRADER.

Trinity, Natchez.

REV. ALEXANDER MARKS.....RECTOR.

Joseph D. Shields, Senior Warden, John Rawle, Junior Warden.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of families..... | 125 | Other officers..... | 1 |
| Number of souls..... | 550 | Scholars..... | 137 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 25 | Males..... | 50 |
| Adults..... | 4 | Females..... | 87 |
| Total..... | 29 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Confirmations..... | 25 | Parochial—Commu'n Alms | \$166 75 |
| Communicants added by remov'l..... | 7 | Rector's salary..... | 2000 00 |
| Admission..... | 20 | Parish expenses..... | 454 00 |
| Whole number added..... | 27 | Miscellaneous..... | 1310 19 |
| Removed..... | 8 | Total..... | \$3930 94 |
| Died..... | 6 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary..... | \$245 |
| Whole number lost..... | 14 | Diocesan Missions..... | \$25 60 |
| Present number..... | 228 | Miscellaneous..... | 92 25 |
| Marriages..... | 11 | Total..... | \$362 85 |
| Burials..... | 18 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. | |
| Public services—on Sundays..... | 98 | Missions..... | \$220 35 |
| Other days..... | 250 | Miscellaneous..... | 101 05 |
| Holy Com'n-No. times administered. | | Total..... | \$321 40 |
| Public..... | 19 | Aggregate..... | \$4615 19 |
| Private..... | 5 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Sittings in Church..... | 600 |
| No. Teachers..... | 16 | Rectories..... | 1 |
| Males..... | 3 | Estimated value of Church..... | \$8000 |
| Females..... | 13 | " " Rectory... | 7500 |
| | | Total..... | \$15,500 |

I certify the above to be correct,

ALEXANDER MARKS, Rector.

Chapel of Holy Communion, Diamond Place, Warr

REV. E. C. LAUGHLIN.....MINISTER.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Number of families..... | 8 | Baptized—Infants..... | |
| Parishioners..... | 23 | Confirmations..... | |
| Confirmed persons..... | 11 | Burials..... | |
| Communicants..... | 9 | No. celebrations Holy Com | |
| Churches..... | 1 | Salary of your Rector or Mi | |
| Value..... | 500 | Nothing, he is self-support | |
| Sittings in Church..... | 120 | How much money did yo | |
| Services?..... | As regular as the | in the year for all purpose | |
| weather and roads in the county | | | |
| will permit. | | | |

E. C. LAUGHLIN, Min

St. Peter's, Oxford.

REV. MELVILLE M. MOORE.....RECTOR

N. B. Pegues, Senior Warden; S. W. E. Pegues, Junior Ward

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|---------|
| Number of families..... | 28 | Scholars..... | |
| Whole number of souls..... | 120 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the | |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 4 | Parochial—Comm'n Alms.. | |
| Confirmations..... | 6 | Rector's salary..... | |
| Communicants added by removal.. | 4 | Parish expenses..... | |
| Admission..... | 5 | Diocesa.—Bishop's salary at | |
| Whole number added..... | 9 | Council expenses..... | |
| Removed..... | 3 | Diocesan Missions..... | |
| Withdrawn..... | 8 | WITHOUT THE DIOCES | |
| Suspended..... | 2 | Domestic Missions..... | |
| Whole number lost..... | 13 | Aggregate... \$1464 | |
| Present number..... | 50 | Churches—number..... | |
| Marriages..... | 1 | Sittings in Church..... | |
| Public services—on Sundays..... | 78 | Rectories..... | |
| Other days..... | 93 | Estimated value of Church.. | |
| Holy Commu'n—No. times admin. | | " " Rectory | |
| Public..... | 28 | Total..... | \$10,50 |
| Private..... | 1 | Amount of indebtedness on | |
| Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Property..... | |
| No. of teachers..... | 5 | | |

I certify the above to be correct.

M. M. MOORE, Rec

Mediator, Pascagoula.

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------|--|
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 40 | Value..... | |
| Teachers..... | 4 | Sittings..... | |
| Churches..... | 1 | | |

The Baptists have possession of the Church and school at present Council having abandoned us so many years. Their Minister gave a year from the Church of Pascagoula, Moss Point and Scranton.

W. S. D

Trinity, Pass Christian.

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of families..... | 27 | Baptisms..... | 6 |
| Parishioners..... | 80 | Confirmations..... | 2 |
| No. of those who commune when they can..... | 30 | Marriages..... | 2 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 60 | No. of Burials..... | 7 |
| Numbers of Teachers..... | 7 | Public Services on Sundays..... | 52 |
| Churches..... | 1 | No. of celebrations of the Holy Communion..... | 12 |
| Value of Church..... | \$4000 00 | What do you pay your Rector? \$50 per month. | |
| How many persons will it seat..... | 250 | How much money did you raise during the year for all pur- poses?..... | \$1250 75 |
| Have you regular services? Yes. | | | |
| How Often? Every Sunday and holy days. | | | |

Dr. Lowes from Louisiana, has the temporary charge of our Parish.

G. P. SMITH, S. W.

St James', Port Gibson.

REV. NOWELL LOGAN.....RECTOR.

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Dr. T. B. Magruder, Senior Warden, | Nelson S. Walker, Junior Warden. | | |
| Number of families..... | 35 | Females..... | 4 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 127 | Other officers..... | 1 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 5 | Scholars..... | 32 |
| Adults..... | 2 | Males..... | 17 |
| Total..... | 7 | Females..... | 15 |
| Confirmations..... | 9 | CONTRIBUTIONS.—Within the Diocese. | |
| Communicants—Added by rem'val | 2 | Parochial—Communion alms \$ | 39 95 |
| Admission..... | 4 | Rector's Salary..... | 548 70 |
| Whole number added.... | 6 | Parish expenses..... | 52 00 |
| Removed..... | 2 | Miscellaneous..... | 169 00 |
| Present number..... | 47 | Total | \$809 65 |
| Marriages..... | 5 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary... | \$60 00 |
| Burials..... | 4 | Diocesan Missions..... | 7 50 |
| Public Services—On Sundays..... | 64 | Miscellaneous | 6 00 |
| Other days..... | 58 | Total..... | \$73 50 |
| Holy Communion—No. of times administered? | | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. | |
| Public..... | 14 | Foreign..... | \$7 75 |
| Sunday Schools—Number..... | 1 | Aggregate..... | \$890 90 |
| No. of teachers..... | 6 | Rectory..... | 1 |
| Males..... | 2 | Value..... | \$1500 00 |
| I certify the above to be correct, | | Other Church property | 125 00 |
| | | Total..... | \$1625 00 |

NOWELL LOGAN, Rector.

Christ Church, Summit.

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|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Number of families..... | 15 | Baptisms..... | 8 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 54 | Confirmations..... | 1 |
| No. of confirmed persons..... | 30 | Public Services on Sundays..... | 28 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 30 | On Week days..... | 18 |
| Number of teachers..... | 6 | Celebrations of Holy Communion | 3 |
| Churches..... | 1 | What do you pay your Missiona- ry..... | \$200 |
| Value..... | \$2500 00 | Contributions..... | \$375 |
| Sittings..... | 200 | Specify the purpose. | |
| Rectories..... | 1 | Missionary salary..... | \$200 00 |
| Value..... | \$1500 00 | Work on Rectory..... | 175 00 |
| Services once a month. | | | |

Redeemer, Sardis.

REV E. HAMVASY, LL. D.,.....RECTOR.

Dr. Morgan Adams, Senior Warden; W. D. Miller, Junior Warden.

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|---------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of families..... | 7 | Other Days..... | 3 |
| Whole number souls..... | 28 | Holy Communion—No. of times | |
| Communicants added by removal | 4 | administered..... | 7 |
| Removed..... | 3 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Died..... | 1 | Rector's salary..... | \$161 50 |
| Whole number lost..... | 4 | Parish Expenses..... | 18 80 |
| Present Number..... | 22 | Total..... | \$180 30 |
| Marriages..... | 1 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Burials..... | 1 | Value of Church..... | \$3000 00 |
| Public Services—on Sundays..... | 49 | Sittings..... | 150 |

I certify the above to be correct.

E. HAMVASY, Rector.

Epiphany, St. Elmo, P. O.

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|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Number of Families..... | 18 | Baptisms—Infants..... | 8 |
| Whole number of persons..... | 77 | Confirmation..... | 2 |
| Number of confirmed persons.. | 21 | Marriages..... | 1 |
| No. who Commune sometimes... | 19 | Burials..... | 2 |
| No. Scholars in Sunday-school... | 12 | Public Services—Sundays..... | 17 |
| No. Teachers..... | 2 | Week days..... | 1 |
| Value of Church..... | \$1200 | Holy Communion—No. times... | 3 |
| Sittings in Church..... | 100 | Rector's Salary..... | \$100 |
| Value of Rectory..... | \$800 | Contributions..... | 125 |
| Value of Lot..... | 100 | How expended—Rector's Salary, | |
| Services..... | Once a month. | Repairs on Church. | |

Good Shepherd, Terry.

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|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------|
| Number of Families..... | 11 | Infants..... | 3 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 33 | Marriages..... | 1 |
| No. Confirmed persons..... | 33 | Burials..... | 1 |
| No. Communicants..... | 19 | Public Services Sundays..... | 52 |
| No. who do not Commune..... | 14 | Holy Communion—No. times... | 1 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 24 | How much can you pay a Mis- | |
| Teachers..... | 4 | sionary..... | \$150 |
| Value of Church..... | \$1500 | Contributions..... | 86 |
| Sittings..... | 150 | How expended—Bishop's Salary | 30 |
| Services..... | Lay Reading. | Contingent Fund..... | 5 |
| Confirmations..... | 3 | Balance to be used repair- | |
| Baptisms—Adults..... | 2 | ing Church. | |

St. Clement's, Vaiden.

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| EV. W. P. BROWNE..... | Rector. |
| awkins, Senior Warden; | McConnico, Junior Warden. |
| of Families..... 10 | Other Officers..... 1 |
| mber of souls 37 | Scholars..... 20 |
| —Infants 2 | Males..... 10 |
| tions..... 2 | Females..... 10 |
| n..... 2 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. |
| umber..... 20 | Rector's salary.....\$120 |
| 1 | Parish Expenses.....30 00 |
| ervices—Sundays..... 16 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary.....16 00 |
| munion -Public..... 4 | Diocesan Missions.....5 00 |
| hools 1 | Churches.....1 |
| 4 | Sittings in Church..... 150 |
| 1 | Estimated value Church.....\$2000 |
| 3 | " " other Ch. property..100 |

ify the above to be correct.

W. P. BROWNE, Rector.

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg.

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| REV. W. F. ADAMS, D. D..... | Rector. |
| Howard, Senior Warden; | M. F. Smith, Junior Warden. |
| of families.....75 | No. of Sunday Schools..... 1 |
| mber of souls..... 300 | No. of teachers—Females..... 5 |
| —Infants.....34 | Scholars 75 |
| ults..... 1 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. |
|35 | Parochial—Comm'n alms...\$271 20 |
| tions..... 7 | Parish Expenses.....\$3500 00 |
| added..... 15 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary, 250 00 |
| 5 | Diocesan Missions..... 12 00 |
| umber.....130 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. |
| 7 | Domestic Missions.....\$25 00 |
| 11 | Foreign..... 25 00 |
| ices on Sunday.....104 | Miscellaneous..... 50 00 |
| her days.....111 | Total.....\$100 00 |
| munion—No. of times | Churches..... 1 |
| stered. Public.....17 | Value of Church.....\$35000 00 |
| te..... 3 | |

Christ Church, Vicksburg.

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| SANSOM, D. D.,..... | Rector. |
| Farrar, Senior Warden; | Geo. M. Klein, Junior Warden. |
| of families.....128 | Sunday School..... 583 90 |
| mber of souls.....512 | Rector's salary .....\$1500 00 |
| —Infants..... 19 | Parish expenses..... 221 35 |
| ults..... 3 | Prot. Orph. Asy..... 176 25 |
| 22 | Total.....\$2574 60 |
| tions..... 17 | Diocesan Bishop's salary....\$250 00 |
| o. added.....14 | Diocesan Missions..... 28 50 |
|14 | Total.....\$278 50 |
| 1 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. |
| d..... 1 | Domestic Missions.....\$16 10 |
| o. lost..... 16 | For Jews..... 6 50 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Present number..... | 175 | N. Y. Bible and P. B. society..... | \$12 00 |
| Marriages..... | 9 | Foreign..... | 19 75 |
| Burials..... | 19 | Total..... | \$54 35 |
| Public Services on Sundays..... | 120 | Aggregate..... | \$2907 45 |
| Other days..... | 171 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Holy Communion—No. of times | | Chapels..... | 1 |
| administered..... | 29 | Sittings in Churches..... | 400 |
| No. of Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Sittings in Chapels..... | 50 |
| No. of teachers—Females..... | 20 | Rectorry..... | 1 |
| Other Officers..... | 3 | Value of Church..... | \$20,000 |
| Scholars..... | 200 | Value of Rectorry..... | 6000 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | | Total..... | \$26,000 |
| Parochial—Comm'n alms..... | \$ 93 10 | | |

I certify the above to be correct.

H. SANSOM, Rector.

Immanuel, Winona.

REV. W. P. BROWNE.....RECTOR.

Maj. Frank Hawkins, Senior Warden; J. C. Purnell, Junior Warden.

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|---------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Number of families..... | 10 | Females..... | 15 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 36 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 2 | Rector's salary..... | \$160 00 |
| Present number..... | 20 | Parish expenses..... | 50 00 |
| Marriages..... | 1 | Miscellaneous..... | 6 00 |
| Public Services—on Sundays..... | 14 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary..... | 35 00 |
| Other days..... | 2 | Diocesan Missions..... | 5 00 |
| Holy Communion—Public..... | 4 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Sittings in Church..... | 200 |
| Teachers—Males..... | 2 | Rectories..... | 1 |
| Females..... | 3 | Estimated value Church..... | \$5000 |
| Other Officers..... | 1 | " Rectorry..... | 1000 |
| Scholars..... | 30 | Other Church Property..... | 500 |
| Males..... | 15 | | |

I certify the above to be correct.

W. P. BROWNE, Rector for '83.

St. Paul's, Woodville.

REV. J. W. TURNER.....RECTOR.

T. V. Noland, Senior Warden; Geo. F. Smith, Junior Warden.

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of families..... | 52 | Scholars—Males..... | 33 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 234 | Females..... | 30 |
| Baptisms—Infants..... | 17 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Adults..... | 1 | Parochial—Comm'n Alms..... | \$41 00 |
| Total..... | 13 | Rector's salary..... | 841 26 |
| Confirmations..... | 2 | Parish expenses..... | 106 50 |
| Communicants added by removal..... | 1 | Miscellaneous..... | 1287 59 |
| Admission..... | 2 | Total..... | \$2276 35 |
| Whole number added..... | 3 | Diocesan—Bishop's salary..... | \$100 00 |
| Removed..... | 1 | Diocesan Mission..... | 11 10 |
| Died..... | 1 | Miscellaneous..... | 27 00 |
| Withdrawn..... | 21 | Total..... | \$138 10 |

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|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Present number..... | 68 | WITHOUT THE DIOCESE—Foreign | \$2 00 |
| Marriages..... | 3 | Aggregate..... | \$2416 45 |
| Burials..... | 10 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Public services—on Sundays..... | 66 | Sittings in Church..... | 240 |
| Other days..... | 4 | Rectories..... | 1 |
| Holy Communion—Public..... | 10 | Estimated value of Church..... | \$4500 |
| Sunday Schools..... | 1 | " " Rectory..... | 1500 |
| Teachers—Females..... | 3 | Of other Church property..... | 1000 |
| Other Officers..... | 1 | Total | \$7000 |

I certify the above to be correct,

J. W. TURNER, Rector.

Trinity, Yazoo City.

(VACANT.)

Alex. Smith, Senior Warden; John Agnew, Junior Warden.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Number of families..... | 56 | Males..... | 2 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 191 | Females..... | 5 |
| Baptisms..... | 11 | Scholars'..... | 48 |
| Communicants added by removal..... | 4 | Males..... | 30 |
| Died..... | 4 | Females..... | 18 |
| Communicants..... | 85 | CONTRIBUTIONS—Within the Diocese. | |
| Marriages..... | 4 | Rector's salary..... | \$253 73 |
| Burials..... | 4 | Parish Expenses..... | 183 75 |
| Public services on Sundays..... | 18 | Miscellaneous..... | 15 00 |
| Other days..... | 2 | Total | \$452 48 |
| Holy Communions..... | 6 | Churches..... | 1 |
| Sunday Schools..... | 1 | Sittings in Churches..... | 200 |
| No. of teachers..... | 7 | Value of Church..... | \$3000 |

The Parish has been without a Rector since Easter 1882.

I certify the above to be correct.

O. E. HUBBELL, Secretary of the Parish.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONTINGENT FUND OF THE COUNCIL.

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P. P. BAILEY, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund,
In Account with the Council,

| 1882. | | DR. | |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| May 31. | To balance as per supplemental report of this date,..... | | \$123 21 |
| June 14. | To cash from Trinity Church, Yazoo City, for 1882-3,..... | | 15 00 |
| " 20. | To cash borrowed from the Corcoran Land fund by order of the Council, | | 107 50 |
| " 26. | To cash from Trinity Ch., Natchez, 1882-3, | | 35 00 |
| " 28. | do Grace Church, Canton,..... | do | 15 00 |
| " 29. | do Ch. Holy Com. Diamond Pl. do | do | 3 00 |
| July 4. | do Our Saviour, Iuka,..... | do | 1 00 |
| " 8. | do Trinity, Pass Christian,.. | do | 6 00 |
| " 14. | do St. Mary's, Lexington,.. | do | 5 00 |
| " 14. | do Immanuel, Winona, | do | 6 00 |
| " 17. | do Redeemer, Brookhaven,.. | do | 1 25 |
| " 17. | do Redeemer, Biloxi,..... | do | 2 50 |
| " 21. | do Mission at Scooba,..... | do | 4 00 |
| " 29. | do St. Peter's, Oxford, | do | 5 00 |
| Aug. 5. | do St. Phillip's, Kirkwood,.. | do | 1 00 |
| " 11. | do Good Shepherd, Terry... | do | 5 00 |
| " 19. | do St. Alban's, Bovina..... | do | 5 00 |
| " 19. | do Grace, Carrollton..... | do | 5 00 |
| " 29. | do St. Matthew, Clinton..... | do | 2 50 |
| " 30. | do Holy Innocent's, Como... | do | 5 00 |
| Nov. 28. | do Ch. of the Cross, Madison Sta | do | 5 00 |
| " 29. | do St. John's, Aberdeen,..... | do | 12 00 |
| " 28. | do St. Paul's, Woodville..... | do | 15 00 |
| Dec. 9. | do Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, do | | 2 00 |
| 1883. | | | |
| Mar. 17. | do St. Mary's, Enterprise..... | do | 5 00 |
| April 9. | do St. Andrew's, Jackson,... | do | 30 00 |
| | | | \$421 96 |

DR.

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| | To balance on hand from other side,..... | \$73 21 |
| il 9. | To cash from Scooba, Mr. Giles,..... | 4 50 |
| 10. | do St. James', Greenville,... 1881-2, | 10 00 |
| | do do do 1883-3, | 15 00 |
| 11. | do St. Mark's, Mississippi City, | |
| | Mr. Walthall,..... | 1 00 |
| " | do Mediator, Meridian, .....1881-2, | 5 00 |
| | do do 1882-3, | 8 00 |
| " | do All Saint's, Grenada,.. | 15 00 |
| " | do St. Mary's, Bolton,..... | 5 00 |
| " | do Mediator, McComb City,..... | 6 00 |
| " | do Holy Innocent's, Como, 1881-2, | 4 00 |
| " | do Redeemer, Sardis,..... | 5 00 |
| " | do St. Paul's, Columbus,..... | 15 00 |
| " | do St. Clement's, Vaiden,..... | 5 00 |

Total on hand,.....\$171 71

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| 1. | 4. | By cash paid Charles Winkley,..... | 2 50 |
| 2. | | | |
| e 17 to Aug. 5 | do | Stamps, Envelopes, Postal Cards, as per bill of items herewith... | 19 55 |
| 20. | do | do Charles Winkley for balance due for printing Journal of 1881-2 | 107 50 |
| 28. | do | do Charles Winkley, | 1 00 |
| e 6. | do | do Charles Winkley, for balance due for printing to date,..... | 104 50 |
| 21. | do | do Trustees of Episcopal Fund to re- cord trust-deed from Hook and Ladder Co.. returned loan,..... | 1 50 |
| 31. | do | do Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, returned loan,..... | 106 00 |
| 28. | do | do Telegram to Rev. Dr. Hugh Mil- ler Thompson, announcing his election as Assistant Bishop,.. | 95 |
| 3. | | | |
| 19. | do | do Charles Winkley for printing cer- tificates of Lay Delegates, | 4 75 |
| 26. | do | do 50 Postal Cards for notices of as- essments due..... | 50 |
| | | By balance to other side, | 73 21 |
| | | | <u>\$421 96</u> |

PETER P. BAILEY,

O. E. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

Approved by the Finance Committee. A. MARKS, Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

—o—

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer.

In Account with the Council for Contingent Expenses:

| 1883 | | Dr. | |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|----|
| April 11. | To bal. on hand as per report of this date... | \$171 | 71 |
| " " | To cash from Christ Church Church, Hill... | 5 | 00 |
| " " | " " " Holy Trinity, Vicksburg..... | 30 | 00 |
| " 12 | " " " Christ Church, Vicksburg..... | 30 | 00 |
| " " | " " " St. Andrew's, Lamar..... | 2 | 50 |
| " " | " " " St. John's, Early Grove..... | 2 | 50 |
| " " | " " " Redeemer, Brookhaven..... | 2 | 00 |
| " " | " " " Messiah, Shuqualak..... | 2 | 00 |
| Total..... | | \$245 | 71 |

| | | Dr. | |
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| April 14 | To balance on hand from credit side..... | \$203 | 66 |
| " 20 | To cash from St. Luke's, Brandon..... | 2 | 50 |
| 1883. | | Cr. | |
| April 12. | By cash, paid following bills ordered by the Finance Committee. | | |
| " " | By cash to Rogers & Groom, for printing testimonials of the election of the Assistant Bishop, including postage and telegram for the Standing Committee..... | \$ | 15 00 |
| " " | By cash to Rogers & Groom, for bill printing and Stationery for Standing Committee.... | 5 | 25 |
| " " | By cash to Standing Committee, for telegraphing..... | 1 | 50 |
| " 14 | By cash to Chas. Winkley for bill printing testimonials for Standing Committee..... | 20 | 00 |
| " " | By cash paid for ink used at Council..... | 30 | |
| By Bal. due..... | | 203 | 66 |
| | | \$245 | 71 |

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PETER P. BAILEY,
Secretary & Treasurer, &c.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer.

In account with the Board of Trustees of the

Episcopal Fund and Church Property:

| | | DR. | |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1882. | | | |
| April 19. | To cash as per report of this date..... | \$1743 | 90 |
| July 10. | To cash from Trinity Church, Natchez, for the note of that Church surrendered due June 22, 1882..... | 50 | 00 |
| " " | To cash from same for interest on said note | 8 | 00 |
| " " | To cash from same for int. on note due June 24, 1881. | 4 | 25 |
| Aug. 21 | To cash from Treasurer of the Contingent Fund of the Council of the Diocese..... | 1 | 50 |
| " " | To cash from same..... | 106 | 00 |
| 1883 | | | |
| Jan. 19. | To cash from Trinity Church, Natchez for interest..... | 4 | 06 |
| April 2. | To cash from C. L. Anderson, for Corcoran Land sales..... | 120 | 52 |
| | | \$2038 | 23 |
| April 2. | To Balance from other side..... | \$1000 | 73 |
| 1882. | | | |
| April 19. | By cash to Geo. M. Klein, Treasurer of the Diocese, as so much assessed for the Bishop's salary..... | \$ | 100 00 |
| June 15. | By cash loaned for one year to Hook and Ladder Company secured by Deed of Trust on that Company's property | 800 | 00 |
| " 20. | By cash loaned Treasurer of the Contingent Fund of the Council by resolution of the Council..... | 107 | 50 |
| " " | By cash to Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D. for stationery in the matter of the Bishop Green salary fund by resolution of the Council... | 30 | 00 |
| | By bal. on hand taken to the other side..... | 1000 | 73 |
| | | 2038 | 23 |

PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer.

E. & O. E.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

A. MARKS, Chairman.

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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Held by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, besides the cash on hand, reported by the Treasurer of the Board.

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| 1. Note of Trinity Church, Natchez, due June 22, 1883 | \$50 00 |
| Interest to be paid at maturity of principal.... | 8 00 |
| 1. Note of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, due July, 1883..... | 100 00 |
| Interest to be paid at maturity of one year | 8 00 |
| 3. Notes of Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, due July 1883.. | 150 00 |
| Interest to be paid at maturity..... | 36 00 |
| 1. Note secured by Deed of Trust on Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Jackson..... | 800 00 |
| Interest due June 15, 1883..... | 64 00 |
| Hinds County, School Warrants at face value..... | 1585 00 |
| Total..... | \$2801 00 |

The uncollected Corcoran land notes are in the hands of C. L. Anderson, of Kosciusko, the Attorney of the Board, whose report is hereto submitted to the Council and to which reference is made for particulars.

FEB. 24th, 1883.

P. P. BAILEY,
Treasurer of the Board.

To the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the
Diocese of Mississippi.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, respectfully report:

That on May the 19th, 1882, they met and organized by electing G. D. Sidway, President, and Peter P. Bailey, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board;

That on May 31st, the Board ordered a loan to be made to the Hook and Ladder Company, number one, of Jackson, of \$800, at 8 per cent. interest, which was subsequently done, and a deed of trust taken on the real estate of the Company as security.

On the same date the Board ordered a loan made to the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund of the Council of \$107 50, as ordered by the Council in April, 1882, which sum was returned to the Board at a subsequent date.

The Board respectfully refer the Council to the report of the Treasurer of the Board herewith submitted, for particulars of the receipts and disbursements of funds during the year past; and, also, for a statement of the amount of funds and securities on hand and held by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER P. BAILEY,

Secretary, on behalf of the Board.

Approved by the Committee on Finance.

A. MARKS, Chairman.

Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund.

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PETER P. BAILEY, Treasurer,

In account with the Bishop's Residence Fund.

| 1882. | DR. | |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| April 19. | To balance cash on hand, as per report of this date | \$628 05 |
| Oct. 1. | To cash from rent of Residence lands,..... | 16 00 |
| 1883. | | |
| Mar. 13. | To int. 6 per cent. 1 yr., on \$628 05, | \$37 68 |
| April 1. | To int. 6 per cent. 6 months, on 16 00,.. | 48 |
| | Total interest..... | 38 16 |
| | Total amount of funds | \$682 21 |
| Mar. 17. | To cash from Ann Banks for rent of resi- dence lands..... | 15 00 |
| Mar 19. | To collection from the Falls' Estate in the suit of Georgie Miller vs. Columbus Ins. Co.,..... | 204 43 |
| | Total | \$901 64 |

PETER P. BAILEY,

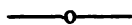
April 11, '83.

Treasurer.

Approved by the committee on Finance,

A. MARKS, Chairman.

Report of the Collector of the "Corcoran Land Fund."



ANDERSON,

To the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

DR.

following collections from purchasers of "Corcoran Lands" last Annual Report:—

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 15. | To balance on note of J. M. Thompson and interest..... | \$67 53 |
| 17. | To note on B. T. Fullilove, which matured Nov. 1, 1882, and interest..... | 55 00 |
| 26. | To amount in payment of note on Susan and L. Glazier for \$75 00 | 45 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$167 53 |

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| | By Com. on above at 10 per cent..... | 16 75 |
| 5. | By tax on "Corcoran Lands" in Attala county for 1882..... | 30 21 |
| 31. | By check on Hibernia National Bank, New Orleans, sent P. P. Bailey to close..... | 120 57 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | Balance due Trustees..... | \$167 53 |

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANDERSON,

Sciukso, April 2d, '83.

Attorney.

**List of Notes Held for Collection by C. L. Anderson, Esq.,
Attorney for Corcoran Land Fund.**

Statement of Notes given for purchase money of Corcoran
Lands remaining uncollected in the hands of C. L. Anderson,
April 1st, 1883.

| NAMES OF MAKERS. | DATE OF | DATE OF | AMOUNT | AM'T OF | BAL. DUE |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| | MATURITY. | CREDITS. | OF NOTES | CREDITS. | TO DATE, |
| W. D. McMillan..... | Nov. 21 '78 | Dec. 9, 1879 | \$73 33½ | \$40 00 | ..... |
| | | Feb. 15, 1881 | ..... | 50 00 | \$ 4 97 |
| W. D. McMillan..... | Nov. 21 '79 | | 73 33 | ..... | 112 73 |
| James Cottrell..... | Jan. 1, '80 | Jan. 17, 1880 | 75 00 | 51 25 | 30 80 |
| James Cottrell.. | Jan. 1, '81 | | 75 00 | ..... | 99 37 |
| Susan & L. Glazier.. | Oct. 30. '81 | Apl. 13, 1882 | 75 00 | 15 00 | ..... |
| | | Feb. 26, 1882 | ..... | 45 00 | 24 10 |
| Susan & L. Glazier.. | Dec. 10 '81 | | 30 00 | ..... | 33 91 |
| B. F. Fullilove..... | Nov. 1, '83 | | 50 00 | ..... | 52 05 |
| | | | | | \$357 93 |

Kosciusko, April 2, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANDERSON.



Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop Green Fund.

D. C. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Dr.

In account with Bishop Green Fund.

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Cash from Rev. Dr. Tucker..... | \$126 20 |
| Cash from subscribers..... | 488 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$614 31 |

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Balance from other side..... | \$100 76 |
|------------------------------|----------|

Cr.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash remitted Geo. M. Klein, (Treasurer.....) | \$300 00 |
| Cash deposit and interest note, Geo. M. Klein | 200 00 |
| Cash for circulars and postage..... | 13 64 |

\$513 64

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| By cash balance on hand.... | 100 67 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

\$614 31

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount in hand of Geo. M. Klein, paid directly to him by subscribers, Apr. 9,..... | 174 70 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|

Total Fund..... \$789 01

GEO. C. HARRIS,

Newton, April 12, '83.

Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

ALEX. MARKS, Chm'n.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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| NAMES OF CHURCHES. | EPISCOPAL ASS'N'TS. | CON. AS. |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Aberdeen..... | 100 00 | 10 00 |
| Brookhaven..... | 10 00 | 2 50 |
| Brandon..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Bovina..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Biloxi..... | 40 00 | 2 50 |
| Bolton..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Church Hill..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| Columbus..... | 150 00 | 12 00 |
| Clinton..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Canton..... | 60 00 | 15 00 |
| St. Elmo..... | 15 00 | 5 00 |
| Carrollton..... | 15 00 | 5 00 |
| Corinth..... | 5 00 | 2 00 |
| Como..... | 40 00 | 5 00 |
| Crystal Springs..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| Dry Grove..... | 12 00 | 2 00 |
| Early Grove..... | 10 00 | 2 50 |
| Edwards..... | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| Enterprise..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Greenville..... | 100 00 | 15 00 |
| Grenada..... | 90 00 | 15 00 |
| Holly Springs..... | 50 00 | 6 00 |
| Hazlehurst..... | 20 00 | 2 00 |
| Iuka..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| Jackson..... | 285 00 | 25 00 |
| Kirkwood..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Lexington..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Madison County..... | 40 00 | 5 00 |
| Lamar..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Mississippi City..... | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| Macon..... | 15 00 | 3 00 |
| Meridian..... | 75 00 | 8 00 |
| McComb..... | 25 00 | 6 00 |
| Magnolia..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Natchez..... | 320 00 | 30 00 |
| Osyka..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Okolona..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Oxford..... | 50 00 | 5 00 |
| Greenwood..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

CONTINUED.

| NAMES OF CHURCHES. | EPISCOPAL Ass'm'ts. | CON. AS. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Port Gibson..... | 50 00 | 5 ² 00 |
| Pass Christian..... | 65 00 | 5 00 |
| Raymond..... | 25 00 | 3 00 |
| Rosedale..... | 30 00 | 2 50 |
| Summit..... | 20 00 | 3 ⁰⁰ |
| Sardis..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Shuqualak..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Scooba..... | 12 00 | 4 00 |
| Terry..... | 30 00 | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg.....i..... | 225 00 | 25 00 |
| Holy Trinity, Vicksburg..... | 285 00 | 25 00 |
| Vaiden..... | 20 00 | 5 00 |
| Woodville..... | 100 00 | 15 ⁰⁰ |
| Water Valley..... | 15 00 | 2 50 |
| Winona..... | 35 00 | 6 00 |
| Yazoo City..... | 75 00 | 10 ⁰⁰ |
| Newtown Landing.. | 15 00 | 3 ⁰⁰ |
| Rolling Fork..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Bay St Louis..... | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Johnsonville.... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| Hernando..... | 10 00 | 2 00 |
| East Pascagoula..... | 5 00 | 1 00 |
| West Point..... | 10 00 | 1 ⁰⁰ |
| Trustees' Fund..... | 200 00 | 1 ⁰⁰ |
| Total..... | \$3159 00 | \$375 50 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEX. MARKS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

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CANTON, MISS., APRIL 12, 1883.

GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Mississippi.

For Bishop's Fund.

| PARISHES. | COLLECTED ON AC'T. AR'EAR'GES | ASSESSM'NT 1882-83. | PAID. | DUE. |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
| Aberdeen | \$26 85 | \$115 00 | \$115 00 | ..... |
| Brookhaven..... | | 5 00 | ..... | \$5 00 |
| Brandon | | 10 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Bovina..... | | 30 00 | 17 00 | 13 00 |
| Biloxi | | 25 00 | 25 00 | ..... |
| Church Hill | | 70 00 | 70 00 | ..... |
| Columbus..... | | 125 00 | 125 00 | ..... |
| Clinton | | 15 00 | ..... | 15 00 |
| Canton..... | 25 00 | 36 00 | 36 00 | ..... |
| St. Elmo..... | | 15 00 | 5 00 | 10 00 |
| Carrollton..... | | 15 00 | ..... | 15 00 |
| Corinth..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Como..... | 5 00 | 40 00 | 40 00 | ..... |
| Crystal Springs..... | | 20 00 | 13 10 | 6 90 |
| Dry Grove..... | | 12 00 | ..... | 12 00 |
| Early Grove..... | | 10 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Edwards..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Enterprise..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Greenville..... | | 75 00 | ..... | 75 00 |
| Grenada..... | | 90 00 | 90 00 | ..... |
| Holly Springs..... | | 50 00 | ..... | 50 00 |
| Hazlehurst..... | | 20 00 | ..... | 20 00 |
| Iuka | 10 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Jackson..... | | 265 00 | 265 00 | ..... |
| Kirkwood..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Lake Washington..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Lamar..... | | 15 00 | 15 00 | ..... |
| Lexington..... | 30 00 | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... |
| Ch'p'l of the Cross, Madison | | 20 00 | 20 00 | ..... |
| Mississippi City..... | | 5 00 | 5 00 | ..... |
| Macon..... | | 15 00 | ..... | 15 00 |
| Meridian..... | | 40 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| McComb City..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Magnolia..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Natchez..... | | 300 00 | 300 00 | ..... |
| Osyka..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Okolona..... | | 15 00 | ..... | 15 00 |
| Oxford..... | | 40 00 | 40 00 | ..... |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.—CONTINUED.

| PARISHES. | COLLECTED ON AC'T. ARREARAGES | ASSESSMENT 1882-83 | PAID. | DUE. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Port Gibson..... | | 60 00 | 30 00 | 30 00 |
| Pass Christian | | 65 00 | 65 00 | ..... |
| Raymond..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Rosedale..... | | 30 00 | ..... | 30 00 |
| Summit..... | | 20 00 | ..... | 20 00 |
| Sardis..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Shuqualak..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Scooba..... | | 12 00 | 12 00 | ..... |
| Terry..... | | 30 00 | 25 00 | 5 00 |
| Vicksburg, Christ Church..... | | 265 00 | 265 00 | ..... |
| " Holy Trinity " | | 265 00 | 265 00 | ..... |
| Vaiden..... | | 20 00 | 20 00 | ..... |
| Woodville..... | | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... |
| Water Valley..... | | 15 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| Winona..... | | 35 00 | 35 00 | ..... |
| Yazoo City..... | | 75 00 | 75 00 | ..... |
| Newtown, Chap. Holy Com. | | 15 00 | 15 00 | ..... |
| Bolton..... | | 30 00 | ..... | 30 00 |
| Bay St. Louis..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| East Pascagoula..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Hernando..... | | 10 00 | ..... | 10 00 |
| Johnsonville..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| West Point..... | | 5 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Rolling Fork..... | | 25 00 | ..... | 25 00 |
| Trustees Fund..... | | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... |
| Total | \$96 85 | \$2900 00 | \$2278 10 | \$621 90 |

Salary due Bishop Green for current year to February
24th, 1883.....\$2250 00
Bal. due Bishop Green, arrearages to April 24th, 1882.... 217 85

Salary due Ass't. Bishop from Feb. 24, '83, to Apr. 1, '83.....
\$2467 85
300 00
\$2767 85

By Amount paid Bishop Green.....\$1978 10
By Amount to credit Bishop Thompson..... 300 00

2278 10
Balance uncollected and due Bishop Green..... 489 75
\$2767 85

Report on the Bishop Green Fund.

GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer,

In Account with the Bishop Green Fi

DR.

April 11. To am't paid in to date, April 10th, as
per report Geo. C. Harris, Treas..\$474 75
April 12. Additional amount received from Dr.
Harris,..... 100 00

\$574

CR.

By amount due and paid Bishop Green from February
24, '83 to April 1, '83, (end of 1st quarter)..... 150

Balance cash on hand..... \$424

In addition to which cash, I received from Dr. Harris a
certificate of deposit in Green's Bank for one year
to March 27th, 1884, of \$200, bearing 6 per cent.
interest, which covers the Reserve Fund belonging
to this account..... \$200

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Report on the Auxiliary Episcopal Fund.

GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer,

In Account with Auxiliary Episcopal Fu

1883. DR.

April 12. To Amount rec'd from Trinity Ch. Natchez....\$100
" " " " " St. Paul's, Woodville.. 25
" " " " " " " Columbus.. 18

Total receipts..... \$143

Report on the Special Fund for Building Orphan Asylum.

GEORGE M. KLEIN, Treasurer.

In account with the DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI:

Special Fund for Building Orphan Asylum.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Apl. 26, 1880. | To amount rec'd from Bishop..... | \$1500 00 |
| | “ Int. at 8 per cent., to Jan. 1, 1881 | 82 66 |
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| | Amount re-invested, Jan. 1st, 1881... .. | \$1582 66 |
| | To Int. at 8 per cent., to Jan. 1, 1882... .. | 126 56 |
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| | Amount re-invested, Jan. 1st, 1882..... | \$1709 22 |
| | To Int at 8 per cent., to Jan. 1st, 1883.. | 136 72 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | To am't re-invested to Jan. 1st. 1884, \$1845 94 | |

GEORGE M. KLEIN,

Treasurer.



TABULAR STATEMENT.

| PARISHES IN UNION | | | | WITH THE COUNCIL, AND ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION. | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| No. | DATE. | LOCALITY. | NAME | Families. | Whole No. of souls. | Communicants. |
| 1. | 1848 | Aberdeen, | St. John's..... | 40 | *160 | 57 |
| 2. | 1848 | Brandon, | St. Luke's..... | 20 | 100 | 32 |
| 3. | 1880 | Bay St. Louis, | Grace Ch., †..... | 30 | *120 | 14 |
| 4. | 1859 | Biloxi, | Ch. of the Redeemer, .. | 23 | 130 | 46 |
| 5. | 1858 | Bovina, | St. Albans..... | 10 | *40 | 20 |
| 6. | 1881 | Bolton, | St. Mary's †..... | 20 | *80 | 55 |
| 7. | 1848 | Canton, | Grace Ch..... | 26 | *104 | 37 |
| 8. | 1861 | Carrollton, | Grace Ch..... | 6 | 35 | 19 |
| 9. | 1837 | Clinton, | St. Matthew's †..... | 15 | *60 | 20 |
| 10. | 1872 | Como, | Holy Innocents'..... | 10 | 29 | 20 |
| 11. | 1840 | Columbus, | St. Paul's..... | 63 | *252 | 110 |
| 12. | 1826 | Ch. Hill, | Christ Ch †..... | 22 | *88 | 38 |
| 13. | 1851 | Early Grove, | St. John's..... | 8 | 37 | 13 |
| 14. | 1881 | Edwards, | St. Ambrose †..... | 14 | *56 | 15 |
| 15. | 1840-1870 | Grenada, | All Saints' †..... | 43 | *172 | 84 |
| 16. | 1870 | Greenville, | St. James' †..... | 36 | *144 | 50 |
| 17. | 1872 | Hazlehurst, | St. Stephen's †..... | 8 | *32 | 35 |
| 18. | 1842 | Holly Springs | Christ Ch. †..... | 25 | *100 | 75 |
| 19. | 1847 | Jackson, | St. Andrew's..... | 70 | 339 | 193 |
| 20. | 1848 | Kirkwood, | St. Philip's..... | 7 | 35 | 20 |
| 21. | 1844 | Lamar, | St. Andrew's..... | 9 | 41 | 17 |
| 22. | 1872 | Lexington, | St. Mary's..... | 8 | 54 | 19 |
| 23. | 1853 | Livingston..... | Chap. of the Cross..... | 9 | 51 | 23 |
| 24. | 1870 | Macon, | Ch. of the Nativity..... | 10 | *40 | 30 |
| 25. | 1867 | Meridian, | Ch. of the Mediator..... | 32 | *128 | 68 |
| 26. | 1826 | Natchez, | Trinity Ch..... | 125 | 550 | 228 |
| 27. | 1851 | Oxford, | St. Peter's..... | 28 | 120 | 50 |
| 28. | 1852 | Okolona, | Grace Ch. †..... | 10 | *40 | 12 |
| 29. | 1850 | Pass Christian, | Trinity Ch..... | 27 | 80 | 30 |
| 30. | 1826-1848 | Port Gibson, | St. James, | 35 | 127 | 47 |
| 31. | 1840 | Raymond, | St. Mark's †..... | 14 | *56 | 35 |
| 32. | 1880 | Rosedale, | Grace Ch †..... | 14 | *56 | 15 |
| 33. | 1872 | Sardis, | Ch. of the Redeemer.. | 7 | 28 | 22 |
| 34. | 1844 | St. Elmo, | Epiphany..... | 18 | 77 | 19 |
| 35. | 1862 | Summit, | Christ Ch..... | 15 | 54 | 30 |
| 36. | 1870 | Terry, | Good Shepherd..... | 11 | *44 | 33 |
| 37. | 1837 | Vicksburg, | Christ Ch..... | 128 | *512 | 175 |
| 38. | 1870 | Vicksburg, | Holy Trinity..... | *75 | *300 | 130 |
| 39. | 1870 | Water Valley, | Ch. of the Nativity †... | 17 | *68 | 24 |
| 40. | 1881 | Winona, | Emanuel..... | 10 | 36 | 20 |
| 41. | 1826 | Woodville, | St Paul..... | 52 | 234 | 68 |
| 42. | 1846 | Yazoo City, | Trinity..... | 56 | 191 | 85 |

From January 1st to December 31st, 1882.

| Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Marriages. | Burials. | Services Sundays. | Week day Services. | Communions. | Sunday Schools. | | Churches. | Rectories. | Aggregate of all Contributions. | Value of Property. | Debt. | No. |
|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----|
| | | | | | | | Officers. | Scholars. | | | | | | |
| 4 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 7 | | 2 | 8 | 60 | 1 | | \$1006 00 | 5200 | | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | | | 24 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 25 | 1 | | 270 00 | 6000 | | 2 |
| | | | | | | | 3 | 15 | 1 | | | 2500 | 800 00 | 3 |
| 7 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 92 | 50 | 30 | 6 | 40 | 1 | | 1071 25 | 3000 | | 4 |
| 2 | | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | | 86 15 | 800 | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | 5 | 25 | 1 | | | 1000 | | 6 |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | | | | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 632 45 | 3000 | | 7 |
| 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 85 00 | 100 | | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| 3 | | | | 2 | 50 | 22 | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 541 60 | 6500 | | 10 |
| 28 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 96 | 60 | 20 | 5 | 48 | 1 | 1 | 1700 00 | 13000 | | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 3000 | | 12 |
| 4 | | | 2 | 26 | | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 110 00 | 2500 | | 13 |
| | | | | | | | 6 | 45 | 1 | 1 | | 150 14 50 | | 14 |
| | | | | | | | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 | | *12000 | 250 00 | 15 |
| | | | | | | | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 | *400 00 | *7500 | 115 00 | 16 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1000 | 29 00 | 17 |
| | | | | | | | 3 | 30 | 1 | | | 5000 | 47 50 | 18 |
| 16 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 84 | 94 | 54 | 56 | 600 | 1 | 1 | 3876 29 | 17000 | | 19 |
| 1 | | 3 | 2 | 50 | 3 | 4 | | | 1 | | 11 85 | 500 | | 20 |
| | 1 | 1 | | 13 | | 4 | | | | | 121 25 | | | 21 |
| 7 | 1 | | 1 | 48 | 19 | 21 | 2 | 20 | 1 | | 518 02 | 2500 | | 22 |
| 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 40 | 50 | 79 | | | 2 | | 1050 00 | 6000 | | 23 |
| 2 | | | | 10 | | 1 | 4 | 15 | 1 | | 71 70 | 1500 | | 24 |
| 1 | | 2 | | 12 | | 3 | 12 | 110 | 1 | | 181 20 | 2500 | | 25 |
| 29 | 25 | 11 | 18 | 98 | 250 | 24 | 17 | 137 | 1 | 1 | 4615 19 | 15500 | | 26 |
| 4 | 6 | 1 | | 78 | 93 | 29 | 5 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1464 95 | 10500 | 120 00 | 27 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 28 |
| 6 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 52 | | 12 | 7 | 60 | 1 | | 250 75 | 4000 | | 29 |
| 7 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 64 | 58 | 14 | 7 | 32 | 1 | | 896 90 | 1625 | | 30 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 800 | | 31 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 800 | | 32 |
| | 1 | 1 | 49 | | 3 | 7 | | | 1 | | 180 30 | 3000 | | 33 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 125 00 | 2100 | | 34 |
| 8 | 1 | | | 28 | 18 | 3 | 6 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 375 00 | 4000 | | 35 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 52 | | 1 | 4 | 24 | 1 | | 86 00 | 1500 | | 36 |
| 22 | 17 | 9 | 19 | 120 | 171 | 29 | 23 | 200 | 1 | 1 | 2907 45 | 26000 | | 37 |
| 35 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 104 | 111 | 17 | 5 | 75 | 1 | | 4133 20 | *35000 | | 38 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1300 | 29 00 | 39 |
| 2 | | 1 | | 14 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 256 00 | 6500 | | 40 |
| 13 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 66 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 63 | 1 | 1 | 2416 45 | 7000 | | 41 |
| 11 | | 4 | 18 | | 2 | 6 | 7 | 48 | 1 | | 452 48 | 3000 | | 42 |

TABULAR STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

| MISSION STATIONS | | | | Families. | Whole No. of souls. | Communicants. | Baptisms. | Confirmations. |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| No. | DATE. | LOCALITY. | NAME. | | | | | |
| 1 | 1861-1862 | Batesville..... | St. Stephen's†..... | 4 | *16 | 10 | ..... | ..... |
| 2 | ..... | Brookhaven..... | Redeemer..... | 1 | 5 | 5 | ..... | 4 |
| 3 | ..... | Corinth,..... | Christ Church †... | 12 | *48 | 21 | ..... | ..... |
| 4 | ..... | Crystal Springs... | Trinity..... | 12 | 51 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 1869-1882 | Dry Grove,..... | Holy Comforter† | 8 | *32 | 15 | ..... | ..... |
| 6 | ..... | Enterprise,..... | St. Mary's..... | 12 | *48 | 21 | 2 | ..... |
| 7 | 1837-1881 | Grand Gulf..... | St. Paul's..... | 8 | 27 | 9 | 1 | ..... |
| 8 | ..... | Greenwood..... | Nativity..... | 6 | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 |
| 9 | 1848-1882 | Hernando,..... | Ascension†..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 10 | ..... | Iuka..... | Our Saviour..... | 5 | 28 | 13 | 6 | ..... |
| 11 | 1848-1882 | Lake Washington | St. John's†..... | 3 | *12 | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| 12 | ..... | McComb City,..... | Mediator,..... | 21 | 93 | 40 | 3 | 2 |
| 13 | ..... | Magnolia,..... | Redeemer,†..... | 7 | *28 | 12 | ..... | ..... |
| 14 | 1858-1882 | Miss. City,..... | St. Mark's..... | 7 | *28 | 11 | 4 | 4 |
| 15 | ..... | New Town..... | Holy Communion | 8 | 23 | 11 | 1 | 3 |
| 16 | 1859-1882 | Osyka,..... | Our Saviour†..... | 9 | *36 | 6 | ..... | ..... |
| 17 | 1872-1882 | Pascagoula,..... | Mediator..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 18 | ..... | Ripley,..... | St. John's,†..... | 1 | *4 | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| 19 | ..... | Rolling Fork,..... | Ch. of the Cross† | 12 | *48 | 24 | ..... | ..... |
| 20 | 1853-1881 | Shuqualak,..... | Messiah†..... | 3 | *15 | 13 | ..... | ..... |
| 21 | 1858-1881 | Shieldsboro..... | St. Luke's†..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 22 | ..... | Vaiden..... | St. Clement's..... | 10 | 37 | 20 | 2 | 2 |
| 23 | ..... | Rodney,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | | | | 1355 | 5601 | 2401 | 262 | †147 |

*Estimated.

†No report to this Council, taken from last year's report.

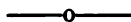
‡The Bishop reports 180 Confirmations—from Council to Council. The compilation above is for the civil year, as required by Canon adopted in 1881.

TABULAR STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

| Marriages. | Burials. | Services—Sundays. | Week day services. | Communion. | Officers and Teachers. | Sunday Schools. Pupils. | Churches. | Rectories. | Aggregate of all Contributions. | Value of Church Property. | Debt. | No. |
|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| ... | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | ... | ... | 500 00 | ... | 1 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 00 | 2 |
| ... | 2 | 24 | ... | 1 | 4 | 20 | 1 | ... | 125 00 | 500 00 | ... | 3 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 5000 00 | 23 00 | 4 |
| ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 6 | 30 | 1 | ... | 15 40 | 1500 00 | ... | 5 |
| 1 | 1 | 9 | ... | 1 | 2 | 24 | ... | ... | 30 00 | ... | ... | 6 |
| ... | ... | ... | 8 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 1 | ... | 1200 00 | 1000 00 | ... | 7 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| ... | ... | 1 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 33 | 1 | ... | 55 21 | 800 00 | ... | 9 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 00 | 10 |
| 1 | 3 | 30 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 100 00 | 4500 00 | ... | 11 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | *1000 00 | 23 00 | 12 |
| 1 | 1 | 20 | ... | 12 | 2 | 15 | 1 | ... | 255 85 | 800 00 | ... | 13 |
| ... | 1 | 26 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 45 60 | 500 00 | ... | 14 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1000 00 | 575 00 | 15 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 00 | 18 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| 1 | ... | 16 | ... | 4 | 5 | 20 | 1 | ... | 171 00 | 2100 00 | ... | 21 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| 75 | 119 | 1450 | 1049 | 424 | 262 | 2047 | 47 | 17 | \$33,890 49 | \$244,075 00 | \$2134 00 | |

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SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE.



| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Assessments for the support of the Episcopate..... | \$3159 00 |
| Assessment for Contingent Fund..... | 375 00 |
| List of personal property belonging to Episcopal Fund, .. | \$2801 00 |
| Cash belonging to Episcopal Fund..... | 1000 73 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total Episcopal Fund,..... | \$3801 72 |
| Bishop's Residence Fund | \$901 64 |
| Orphan Asylum Fund..... | \$1845 94 |
| Contributions for civil year, 1882 | \$33,890 49 |
| Value of Church Property..... | \$244,075 00 |
| Total collection "Bishop Green Fund"..... | \$789 75 |
| Total subscription to "Bishop Green Fund"..... | \$2000 00 |
| Auxiliary Fund for support of the Episcopate..... | \$143 75 |
| No. of Parishes entitled to representation in Council.... | 42 |
| Number of Mission Stations in the Diocese..... | 23 |
| No. of Clergy canonically connected with the Diocese.. | 23 |
| Number of families.. | 1355 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 5601 |
| Number of Communicants..... | 2401 |
| Number of Baptisms for civil year of 1882..... | 262 |
| Number of Confirmations for civil year of 1882..... | 147 |
| Number of Confirmations for Conciliar year..... | 180 |
| Marriages during civil year of 1882..... | 75 |
| Burials " " " " | 119 |
| Sunday School Teachers and Officers..... | 262 |
| Sunday School Scholars..... | 2047 |
| Number of Churches and Chapels..... | 47 |
| Number of Rectories..... | 17 |
| Debt, (reported)..... | \$2134 00 |

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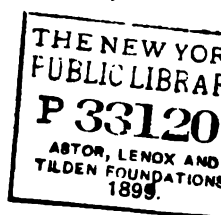
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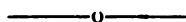
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The Rev. M. M. MOORE,.....Oxford.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**

TO SIT DURING RECESS.

On Finance:

The Rev. M. M. MOORE, The Rev. I. N. MARKS, JR.,
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 Mr. P. H. SKIPWITH. Mr. L. M. TUCKER.

On Church Schools:

The Rev. R. G. HINSDALE, D.D. The Rev. JOHN T. HARGROVE.
 Mr. Q. O. ECKFORD. Mr. WM. PRIESTLEY.

On Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

The RT. REV. H. M. THOMPSON, D.D.

The RT. REV. W. F. ADAMS, D.D.

The Rev. H. SANSOM, D.D. The Rev. GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D.

Mr. P. P. BAILEY.

Mr. J. D. SHIELDS.

On the Tenure of Church Property:

The Rev. H. SANSOM, D.D.

The Rev. M. M. MOORE.

Mr. E. D. FARRAR.

Mr. F. SPEED.

Mr. M. F. SMITH.

On the Endowment of the Episcopate:

Mr. C. H. COCKE,

Mr. F. SPEED.

Mr. R. S. DIXON.

On Temperance:

The Rev. H. SANSOM, D.D.

The Rev. WM. SHORT.

Mr. E. D. FARRAR.

The Special Preacher to the 58th Council:

The Rev. WM. SHORT.

The Rev. R. G. HINSDALE, Alternate.

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- III. OF COLUMBUS—The Rev. I. N. MARKS, JR., DEAN.
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THE ASSISTANT BISHOP, ADMINISTERING.

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The RT. REV. WM. F. ADAMS, D.D., Rector of the *Church of the Holy Trinity*, Vicksburg.

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- " WM. P. BROWNE, *Immanuel*, Winona, *St. Clement's*, Vaiden, P. O. Winona.
- " WM. CROSS, *Mediator*, Meridian, and *St. Mary's*, Enterprise, P. O. Meridian.
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- " †JOHN FOSTER, residing in Tennessee.
- " †JOHN GORDON, *St. John's*, Early Grove.
- " A. KINNEY HALL, *All Saint's*, Grenada.
- " BENJ. HALSTEAD, *St. Mary's*, Lexington, and *Grace*, Carrollton, P. O. Lexington.

List of the Clergy.

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- The Rev. †EMIR HAMVASY, LL.D., *Holy Innocents*, Como, and
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- " JOHN T. HARGROVE, *Christ Church*, Holly Springs.
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The Candidates for Holy Orders:

Mr. NORMAND B. HARRIS.

Mr. MALACHI PEGUES.

Mr. JOHN AUGUSTUS HARRIS.

Mr. GEO. LITTLE NEIDE.

NOTE.—Mr. Neide received Deacons Orders on the Sunday following the session of the Council, and is serving at Grace Church, Bay St. Louis.

THE PARISHES
ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL
WITH THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATES.

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Delegates attending are indicated thus *

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ABERDEEN—*St. John's*, Q. O. Eckford,* J. W. Eckford, F. M. Rogers.
BRANDON—*St. Luke's*, Patrick Henry, R. H. Maxey.
BAY ST. LOUIS—*Grace*.
BOVINA—*St. Alban's*, J. A. Fox.*
BILOXI—*Redeemer*, Charles F. Theobald.
BOILTON—*St. Mary's*.
CANTON—*Grace*, Wm. Priestley,* Wm. McWillie, R. C. Lee.
CARROLLTON—*Grace*.
CLINTON—*St. Matthew's*.
COMO—*Holy Innocents*, N. R. Sledge, J. P. Wallare, C. R. Brown.
COLUMBUS—*St. Paul's*, C. H. Cocke,* W. C. Richards,* L. M. Tucker.*
CHURCH HILL—*Christ Church*.
EARLY GROVE—*St. John's*.
EDWARDS—*St. Ambrose*.
ENTERPRISE—*St. Mary's*.
GREENWOOD—*Nativity*.
GRENADA—*All Saints*, Robert Doak,* B. C. Adams, Jr., J. Bishop.
GREENVILLE—*St. James'*.
HAZLEHURST—*St. Stephen's*.
HOLLY SPRINGS—*Christ Church*.
JACKSON—*St. Andrew's*, D. P. Porter,* P. P. Bailey,* G. D. Sidway.*
KIRKWOOD—*St. Philip's*.
LAMAR—*St. Andrew's*.
LEXINGTON—*St. Mary's*.
MADISON CO.—*Chapel of the Cross*, Wm. Britton, T. B. Dewees, R. W. Rowland, M.D.

List of Parishes and Delegates.

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Vativity, Lewis Berkeley, M.D.*

—*Mediator*, J. T. O'Ferrell, J. D. Preston, G. C. Falconer.*

—*Trinity*, J. D. Shields,* R. S. Dixon,* F. M. Swan.*

—*Grace*

St. Peter's Cathedral, P. H. Skipwith.*

ISTIAN—*Trinity*, Geo. F. Sherman, F. B. Hiern,

SON—*St. James'*, Wm. Myles, M.D., N. S. Walker, R. A. Owen.

—*St. Mark's*.

—*Grace*.

Redeemer.

—*Epiphany*, W. D. Hughes, Thos. Jay.

Christ Church.

Good Shepherd.

St. Clement's, J. E. Talbert, W. T. Vick.

—*Christ Church*, E. D. Farrar,* J. F. Baum,* Albert M. Lea.*

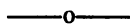
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ALLEY—*Nativity*.

Immanuel, Frank Hawkins, J. C. Purnell.

E—*St. Paul's*.

RY—*Trinity*, J. W. Champlin, H. T. Anderson, J. B. Thornton.



MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

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EN—*Redeemer*.

—*Christ Church*.

SPRINGS—*Trinity*.

E—*Holy Comforter*.

ILF—*St. Paul's*.

—*Ascension*.

r—*Saviour*.

HINGTON—*St. John's*.

ITY—*Mediator*.

MAGNOLIA—*Redeemer*.

MISSISSIPPI CITY—*St. Mark's*.

NEWTOWN—*Holy Communion*.

OSTKA—*Our Saviour*.

RIPLEY—*St. John's*.

RODNEY—

ROLLING FORK—*Chapel of the Cross*.

SHUQUALAK—*Messiah*.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBUS, }
May 7. A. D. 1884. }

This being the time and the place appointed for the meeting of the Fifty-Seventh Council of the Diocese of Mississippi, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled for Divine Worship. Morning Prayer and Litany were said and Holy Communion celebrated, the Assistant Bishop being the Celebrant, and the Rev. Dr. Pickett, preacher.

These Services ended, the Council was called to order, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese presiding. The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats was called by the Secretary of the last Council, and eighteen answered to their names. The chair appointed as Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates the Rev. Isaac N. Marks, Jr., the Rev. M. M. Moore, and the Rev. H. Sansom, D.D.

Pending report of this Committee, the Council took recess to four o'clock this afternoon.

At 4 o'clock, P. M., the Council re-assembled, the Assistant Bishop in the chair.

The Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates submitted their report, and the Secretary proceeded to call the roll. A quorum being found present, the Chair ordered the election of a Secretary and Treasurer.

This election was had by ballot and resulted in the choice of the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D., who entering upon his duties, announced the appointment of Mr. D. P. Porter, as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Eckford, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats, visiting Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to honorary seats.

The courtesy was accepted by Rev. Messrs. Jos. E. Martin, and G. W. S. Ayres and Mr. Geo. L. Neide, all of this Diocese, and subsequently by the Rev. Mr. Mayer, of New York.

Mr. Bailey read and submitted sundry financial reports, which were, on his motion, referred to the appropriate committees.

The Chair announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

On the State of the Church.

The Rev. Messrs. Nowell Logan, Sansom, D.D., Halstead, Hall, and Browne, and Messrs. Cocke and Eckford.

On the Admission of New Parishes.

The Rev. Messrs. A. Marks, Hall and Mr. J. D. Shields.

On Finance.

The Rev. Messrs. Moore, and I. N. Marks, Jr., and Messrs. Baum, Sidway, Dixon, Skipwith and Tucker.

On the Constitution and Canons.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams, The Rev. Messrs. Sansom, D.D., and Munford, and Messrs. Bailey, Eckford, and Tucker.

On Diocesan Schools.

The Rev. Messrs. Hinsdale, D.D., and Hargrove, and Messrs. Eckford and Priestley.

On Unfinished Business.

The Rev. A. Marks, and Messrs. Tucker and Lea.

The Rev. Mr. Moore submitted his report of the condition of the Bishop Green Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Bishop Adams, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Chair to wait upon Mr. Geo. M. Klein, the former Treasurer, in regard to the funds of the Diocese, and more especially the Bishop Green fund, deposited by him in the Mississippi Valley Bank; and to lay before him the embarrassment brought upon the Diocese by his delay in payment, and to secure from him if possible, some relief, immediate or prospective.

Messrs. Farrar, Shields and Speed, were appointed such committee, and Bishop Adams was added, on request.

On motion, the Rule was suspended and the Standing Committee of the Diocese was chosen, *viva voce*, the Rev. Messrs. Sansom, D.D., Alex. Marks, and Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D., and Messrs. G. W. Howard, M.D., and P. P. Bailey, being re-elected.

Under like suspension of the Rule, Mr. L. M. Tucker was unanimously chosen Treasurer of the Diocese, and Messrs. Albert M. Lea, G. D. Sidway, and Q. O. Eckford were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

On motion of Mr. Cocke the Council ordered the daily session to begin at 9 o'clock, A. M., and end at 10 o'clock, P. M., with recess from 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock, P. M., and from 6 o'clock to 8 P. M.

The Council took recess to 8 o'clock this evening,

At 8 o'clock, P. M. the Council came to order, the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop in the Chair.

On motion of the Rev. A. Marks the Rule was suspended, and the former Ecclesiastical Court and Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the last General Convention, were re-elected without ballot.

The Assistant Bishop read his Annual Address.

On motion of the Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr., the address was referred to a committee of three who should carefully examine it with a view to distribution to appropriate committees, of the several matters suggested, and report to-morrow morning.

The Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr., the Rev. W. Short and Mr. Bailey were appointed such committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sansom, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary purchase for distribution throughout the Diocese three thousand copies of the *Church News*, newspaper, of Nat-chez, to contain a full report of this address.

On motion of Bishop Adams, it was

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee to be charged with the duty of revising the Constitution and Canons, to sit during recess, and to report to the next Annual Council.

The Chair appointed as such committee the Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams, the Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. Dr. Harris, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Shields.

On motion, the Assistant Bishop was added as chairman.

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

The Second Day.

THURSDAY, May 8th, 1884.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese presiding. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The Bishop read his Annual Journal and Address.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sansom, the address was referred to the Special Committee to which had been referred the address of the Assistant Bishop.

The Rev. Dr. Sansom read and submitted the report of the Standing Committee.

REPORT:

The Standing Committee begs leave to report the following official acts for the past year:

VICZSBURG, June 19th, 1883—The Committee met and organized by electing the Rev. H. Sansom, D.D., President, and Dr. G. W. Howard, Secretary.

JACKSON, Dec. 4th, 1883—The Committee met and appointed Mr. L. M. Tucker, of Columbus, collector of the assessment for the payment of the Bishop's salary.

The Collector of the Bishop Green fund was instructed to pay over his receipts directly to the Bishop. The several Parishes were notified of this action, which was had in consequence of the financial failure of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 15th, 1884—The Committee met and signified its assent to the consecration of Rev. Alfred Augustine Watson, D.D., as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina.

VICKSBURG, March 11, 1884—The Committee met and signed testimonials recommending George L. Neide, Jr., for admission to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

The following omission from the report of 1882, is added:

VICKSBURG, Nov. 16th, 1882—The Committee met and signed testimonials recommending Rev. Upton B. Bowden for advancement to the Sacred Order of Priests.

G. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams made a verbal report of the Diocesan Missionary Committee, and read the report of the Treasurer of that Committee, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. A. Marks submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes have examined the application from St. Mary's Parish, Enterprise, and recommend that the said Parish be admitted into union with the Council.

The recommendation was adopted and it was so ordered.

The Rev. Mr. Logan moved to amend the Journal of the last Council by striking out the word *indefinitely*, on page 59, of the printed Journal, where the same erroneously appears in a motion by him made, and to insert in lieu thereof the words, *to the next Council*.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Secretary, reported a communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, covering certain proposed amendments to Articles 2, 3 and 4, of the Constitution, which, on his motion was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Mr. Eckford moved to amend Canon XIV, so as to require the Treasurer of the Diocese to give official bond, which was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sansom it was unanimously

Resolved, That as an appreciative expression of the sense of this Council we hereby tender to the Hon. P. P. Bailey our sincere acknowledgment of his faithful discharge of the onerous duties of Secretary of this Council for a long series of years, and that the Secretary be requested to transmit to Judge Bailey a copy of this resolution.

The Council took recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Council was called to order at 4 o'clock, P. M., the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop in the chair.

The Rev. A. Marks offered the following

REPORT:

The Committee on unfinished business have examined the Journal of the last Council and would report two items of such business, requiring the attention of this Council.

1. The appointment of a committee on the Tenure of Church Property, page 45, which committee should report to this Council.
2. The resolution of Mr. W. T. Walthall touching the eligibility of women to be members of Vestries, page 59, postponed to this Council.

A. MARKS, Chairman.

On his motion the last named item of unfinished business was indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Mr. Logan submitted a partial

REPORT:

The Committee on the State of the Church, in reviewing the statistics and other evidences of the work of the Parishes, submitted to them, are impressed with the advantage which would accrue to the Diocese from

1. The adoption of the Convocation system.
2. The adoption of an improved form of Parochial Report.

And they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to divide the Diocese into Convocation Districts, and to organize them for the better prosecution of the work of the Church.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be authorized to substitute for the present form of Parochial Report, the form herewith submitted and made part of this report.

NOWELL LOGAN, Chairman.

Of the foregoing resolutions the first was unanimously adopted. The second was recommitted.

The Rev. M. M. Moore, chairman, offered a preliminary report of the Committee on Finance, wherein were set forth the requirements of the Diocese, to meet past due obligations and to provide for the ensuing year, and asking for specific instruction touching the basis of Assessment to be recommended by the Committee. The Committee had examined the various financial reports referred to them, all of which they had ascertained to be correct. On suggestion of the collector of the Bishop Green Fund, embodied in his report, this Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolutions, which were by the Council unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi notes with gratitude the statement in the Collector's Report of the Bishop Green Fund, that considerable sums of money have been contributed by various persons without the Diocese, to this Fund, and especially the very generous response made to the appeal of the *Living Church*, newspaper.

Resolved. That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to the persons who have thus generously aided the Diocese during its financial embarrassment.

The Committee was instructed to report assessment sufficiently large to meet the requirements of the Diocese, adopting such basis as in their judgment should be equitable.

The Rev. Dr. Sansom presented a communication from the Treasurer of the General Convention calling attention to a deficit of \$42 00 in the payments from this Diocese to the General Convention. The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. A. Marks offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved. That it is the understanding of this Council that the Annual Salary of the Assistant Bishop has been and will continue hereafter to be \$3000, and that the Assistant Bishop be notified of the same.

Resolved. That the Assistant Bishop's salary be payable quarterly.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be instructed to pay this year to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sum of \$200 on account of the salary of the Assistant Bishop.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to arrange for the payment, at once, of the arrears of salary due the Assistant Bishop by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

The Third Day.

FRIDAY. May 9, A. D. 1884.

The Council re-assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Assistant Bishop presiding.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams submitted verbal report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons and offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Canon XV be amended by the addition of the following section:

SECTION 7. The Council shall annually elect a committee of three who shall hold office until the election of their successors, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions and raise funds to assist in providing a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese. This Committee shall report at each session of the Council.

Resolved, That section 3, of Canon XV, present series, be amended by the addition of the following clause: After the word *one* in the eighth line, "That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property shall soon after their election, choose from their number a Trustee whose duty it shall be to hold and account for the Funds coming to the Trustees, and that before entering upon his duties as Treasurer, he enter into bond in the sum of \$10,000, with two or more good sureties, payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the said bond to be approved by the Standing Committee."

Resolved, That Canon XIV be amended by the addition of the following clause:

The Treasurer of the Diocese shall be required, before entering upon his duties, to enter into bond in the sum of \$5000, with two or more good sureties, payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, which bond shall be approved by the Standing Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lea the following gentlemen were elected to serve as provided in section 7, Canon XV, to-wit: Mr. C. H. Cocke, Hon. F. Speed, Mr. R. S. Dixon.

On motion of the Rev. A. Marks, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, be and they are hereby instructed to carefully investigate the condition of all property, real and personal, and all trust funds belonging to the Diocese, and they are hereby authorized in their discretion to capitalize the same, as rapidly as is wise and prudent, in accordance with Canon XV, said Trustees being hereby authorized to fix the value of all property in their hands, and to put the same into productive shape, as a medium for an Episcopal Endowment.

The Rev. Isaac N. Marks, Jr., from the Special Committee on Episcopal Addresses, submitted the following

REPORT:

Your Committee would respectfully report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Temperance movement, be referred to a Committee to be appointed by the Chair, said committee to work in conjunction with the Temperance movement of the Church. Touching that portion relating to the support of the aged and infirm Clergy, it was

Resolved, That for this object one collection be taken in each Parish every year. That that portion relating to Missions, be referred to the Missionary Committee of the Diocese.

Resolved, That that portion of the Assistant Bishop's Address touching the matter of a Bishop's Church and Residence, be referred to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property. That the portion relating to Church Schools be referred to the Committee on Church Schools. That the portion relating to the support of Missionaries be referred to the Diocesan Missionary Committee. That that portion relating to the endowment fund for the Episcopate be referred to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property. Realizing the value and importance of the Assistant Bishop's Address and the advantage of placing it before every member of the Church in this Diocese, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read to his congregation on the third Sunday in May, in lieu of a sermon, the Assistant Bishop's Address, that his words of wisdom and counsel may, as far as possible, reach every member of the Church in Mississippi.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Temperance, the Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. Mr. Short, and the Hon. E. D. Farrar.

The Assistant Bishop announced the division of the Diocese into Convocation Districts, and the appointment of Deans, as follows: The Convocation of Columbus, the Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr. Dean. The Convocation of Jackson, the Rev. Dr. Harris, Dean. The Convocation of Pass Christian, the Rev. Dr. Hinsdale, Dean. The Convocation of Natchez, the Rev. A. Marks, Dean, and the Convocation of Oxford, the Rev. M. M. Moore, Dean.

The Rev. M. M. Moore, submitted the report of the Finance Committee. The resolutions were adopted, excepting that relating to Parochial reports.

The Rev. Dr. Sansom submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Tenure of Church Property beg leave to report: that for reasons they have taken no action in the matter, and ask to be relieved or continued during recess.

The Committee was continued.

Mr. L. M. Tucker submitted the report of Mr. Geo. M. Klein, the former Treasurer of the Diocese, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Assistant Bishop announced that he had received from the Bishop of the Diocese a communication which he desired to lay before the Council for its information:

COLUMBUS, MISS., May 8, 1884.

R. REV. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, D.D.,

My Dear Brother: I wish you to make known to the Council now assembled, that I have transferred to you the administrative functions of the Episcopal office, so that you may, in time to come, be thoroughly furnished for all work in the Diocese. Of course when in the good province of Almighty God, I may be enabled to make visitations, I shall, as before, do all I can for the Church.

(Signed.)

W. M. GREEN,

Bishop of Mississippi.

Mr. D. P. Porter offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Hon. J. D. Shields be requested to prepare and submit to this Council for its adoption, suitable resolutions, or a personal address expressive of the sentiments entertained by this Council, for our venerable Diocesan on his retirement from the functions of his office.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Moore, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to confer with the Assistant Bishop as to the best manner of reducing the size and cost of the Journal, and the number to be printed.

The Council, on motion, took a recess until three o'clock this afternoon.

The Council was called to order at 3 o'clock, P. M.. The Assistant Bishop presiding; the venerable Bishop of the Diocese being seated in the Sanctuary.

The Council proceeded to the election of a Collector of the Bishop Green Fund. On motion of the Rev. A. Marks, the Rule was suspended and the Rev. Melville M. Moore was unanimously re-elected without ballot.

The Rev. Dr. Hinsdale submitted and read the Report of the Committee on Church Schools:

REPORT:

Your Committee would respectfully report that they can add nothing to the stirring words of the Assistant Bishop, as to the need of Church Schools, in which our sons and daughters may be educated, under the religious and refining influences of the Church. And they most deeply regret that they cannot formulate a plan at the present time, for the establishment, at once, of such schools of high grade. It is no easy thing, under our conditions, to move in a matter, which requires money and much of it. But before final action always comes consideration and preliminary suggestion, and therefore your Committee beg leave to offer the following:

Education in the widest sense is the healthy development of the whole nature, physical, mental, and spiritual, each in due proportion; and Church education is this development in accordance with the traditions and principles of the Church of Christ. Nothing less than this will be demanded by those to whom God has given sons and daughters. For want of something better we may temporize and send our children to public schools, or to poorly instructed and meagrely equipped private schools, alien to the faith as we have historically known and received it, but no thoughtful parent will be content to starve them through lack of mental and spiritual food, any more than to deprive them of material supplies for

their bodily sustenance. God has made us body, mind and spirit: we cannot sunder what He has joined together. Church education, therefore, in its highest sense, is a necessity, growing out of Church principles. Now, as the Assistant Bishop stated in his addresses, there is not within the limits of this Diocese a Church School for either sex. It is true they are to be found elsewhere, but many parents cannot avail themselves of these, and in any case the Diocese should provide for its own. A complete system would be a Parish School in each Parish, where the children may be taught the rudiments of a sound education, and where the principles of the Prayer Book may be inculcated in those who are soon to be the men and women of our churches.

There should be two schools of high grade established, during the coming year, and under the control of the Diocese—one for boys in the Northern part of the State, and another for girls in the Southern, preferably on what is known as the Coast.

There are three ways of establishing such schools.

1. By private enterprise.
2. By a corporation.
3. By the Diocese.

Is any one of these practicable? We think it will be granted that at present it is impracticable for the Diocese to assume any additional financial obligation. It must therefore be undertaken by an individual, or by a company, with the sanction of the Bishop, and under the patronage of the Diocese. Somewhere along the Gulf Coast, should such an institution be established for girls, because, first, it is the healthiest part of the State, and, second, it would on account of its Southern position command a large patronage, not only from the cities of New Orleans and Mobile, but also from the Northern cities, where there are numbers of young girls, whose parents would be glad to have their daughters in a balmy Southern clime, during the winter, and would welcome the establishment of a school, where equal advantages could be secured, in the way of intellectual and moral training. The chairman of your committee has been at much pains to collect information as to the most desirable part of the Southern coast, and he has no hesitation in suggesting Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis, or Biloxi, or such an enterprise. We recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Diocese would hail with pleasure the establishment of a school for girls somewhere on the Gulf Coast, under the supervision of the Bishops, and would hereby pledge its patronage and influence.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to encourage such enterprise, to give it direction, and if possible to secure for the Diocese so valuable an adjunct to its proper work.

Signed.

R. G. HINSDALE, D.D., Chm.
J. F. HARGROVE,
Q. O. ECKFORD,
WM. PRIESTLEY.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mr. A. M. Lea submitted the following

REPORT:

The Board or Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Diocese of Mississippi, have instructed me to report to the Council that they have this day organized by the election of G. D. Sidway, as President; Q. O. Eckford, as Treasurer, and Albert M. Lea, as Secretary.

A. M. LEA, Secretary.

The Rev. Nowell Logan, chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, submitted the following

REPORT:

Your Committee have had before them reports from thirty-two Parish and Mission Stations, out of 65 recorded in the Journal of last year, as in union with the Council. Of these but ten reports are filled up in exact conformity with the requirements of the present form of Parochial report. In view of these facts your Committee would again urge the adoption of such form of report as will secure an accurate view of the State of the Church in the Diocese, at least in the more important particulars.

In the opinion of your Committee, the whole value of statistics depends upon their accuracy, and they respectfully submit that it is worse than useless to burden the records of the Diocese, year after year, with statements which, so far as they contribute to this end, are but blank paper.

It will be remembered that at the last Council a change was made in the statistical year of the Diocese; in consequence of which change the reports before your Committee include the statistics for the whole time between January 1st, 1883, and the present date.

Supplementing the reports before them with the Journal of last year, and such reliable information as they could otherwise obtain, your Committee compile the following

SUMMARY:

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| Number of Families..... | 1385 |
| Whole number of souls..... | 5684 |
| Baptisms, | 325 |
| Confirmations,..... | 229 |
| Communicants, | 2512 |
| Marriages, | 65 |
| Burials, | 183 |
| S. S. Teachers,..... | 278 |
| Catechumens..... | 5605 |
| Churches and Chapels,..... | 47 |
| Rectories, | 18 |

AGGREGATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

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|------------------------|------------|
| Value of Property..... | 243,571 25 |
| Debt (reported) | 1.096 00 |

Your Committee are aware that these figures are of no value for the purpose of comparison with the report of last year, or of previous years; but they do indicate a growth, and vitality in the Diocese which cannot fail to inspire us with courage, and fill our hearts with gratitude. The adoption of a simpler and briefer form of report will, we trust, furnish us another year with figures which will be of proper value.

Your Committee having had no opportunity afforded them for examining in detail, the able and interesting Addresses of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, beg, without special mention, earnestly to recommend to your consideration the important matters mentioned therein; particularly the work among the colored people in this Diocese, and the work of the Church Missionary Society.

From these Addresses, rather than from any statistics in our possession, we learn the true condition of the Diocese. Since last year six Clergymen have been added to the working force, and eight vacant Parishes supplied. New life and new spirit have been infused into every portion of the Diocese.

Brethren, the future is full of hope. For almost the first time in our history we see on all sides more of sunshine than of cloud. May God give us strength and courage to realize the happy promise of the coming time.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That Canon IX, Section 1, be amended by striking out the words, "such formal report shall conform to the prescribed form recommended by the General Convention of A. D. 1874."

II. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Council be authorized, with the approval of the Bishop, to substitute for the present form of Parochial Report the form herewith submitted.

III. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized and requested to transfer from the list of Parishes to the list of Mission Stations, the names of such Parishes as have not complied with the requirements of Canon XX.

All which is respectfully submitted.

NOWELL LOGAN, Chairman.

The resolutions were adopted:

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Logan, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the revision of the Constitution and Canons be requested to report a Canon setting forth and defining the duties of the Registrar and Statistician.

By Mr. L. M. Tucker—

Resolved, That Article III, of the Constitution be amended as follows: After the words "lay delegates not exceeding three," insert the words, "and every organized Mission Station in this Diocese shall be entitled to send one lay delegate;" and after the words "Communicant in the Parish," the words "or Mission Station."

The resolution was adopted, to be made known to the next Annual Council for final action.

On motion of Mr. Shields, Trinity Church, Natchez, was designated as the place, and Wednesday, May 6th, 1885, the time for the meeting of the next Annual Council.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hinsdale, it was

Resolved. That the hearty thanks of this Council be given to the Rector and Members of St. Paul's Parish, and to various citizens of Columbus, for their generous hospitality to the Clergy and Delegates; also to the various Railroad Companies from which we have received favors.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the sexton of St. Paul's Parish ten dollars for his services during the session.

The Rev. Mr. Moore reported from the Finance Committee a recommendation that the report of the former Treasurer, Mr. Klein, be referred to the present Treasurer of the Diocese.

The recommendation was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sansom, it was

Resolved, That it is with sincere regret that we have been deprived of the valuable presence and counsel, by severe illness, since his arrival among us, of one of the oldest of the Clergy of this Diocese, our beloved co-laborer, the Rev. B. Halstead of St. Mary's Church, Lexington, and that we earnestly pray the Great Head of the Church to spare his life, that he may long continue to labor in His vineyard.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished by the Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. H. Sansom, it was

Resolved, That appreciating the courtesy of the press of Columbus, extended to this body, we tender them our sincere thanks, and especially to the *Dispatch*, which devoted three columns of its valuable space to the report of our proceedings.

At this point the venerable Bishop, conducted by the Assistant Bishop from the sanctuary, assumed the Chair. The Council rose

to greet him, and the Hon. J. D. Shields offered and read the following preamble and resolution :

It is with mingled feelings that we are called upon to part from our beloved Bishop in the discharge of the active duties of the Episcopate—pain which is always inseparable from parting, and yet a subdued pleasure in seeing him retired from the burden of heavy cares. A looker on in the Council that elected him thirty-four years ago at Natchez, I was among the first to welcome him, and now, surrounded by a younger generation, to me has been assigned the task of expressing our sentiments to him as he is about to retire from his labors as our chief. Coming as he did into the Diocese when it had just enough parishes to elect a Bishop, he has from then until now ever been at the post of duty, laboring in season and out, amid peace and war with unwearied devotion. The addresses in our previous journals will show that like St. Paul he was in his journeyings, oft in danger by flood, oft in danger by land, and yet, though not blessed with a strong physical constitution, he labored on with unflagging zeal. As was aptly said by Major Walthall, in a previous Council, he has been “a St. John in gentleness.” It is impossible for us to measure the debt of gratitude we owe to him.

As a venerable soldier of the Cross, as Deacon, Priest and Bishop, he has fought a life-long battle, and more than half of it for us. He now retires with laurels upon his brow more unfading than those that crown the military and civic hero.

It must be a source of ineffable consolation to him to feel and know that in his retirement he carries with him the affection of his own people and the veneration of others not of our Communion. He leaves to a noble successor the work, and is doubtless cheered by the evident signs of a dawning prosperity. From his quiet mountain home he can still look out and enjoy our coming triumphs, and occasionally participate in them. Crowned with the gratitude of his people, consoled with the memory of a well spent life, clothed with a spotless reputation, his sunset will serenely glide into the blessed sunlight of immortality.

In view then of the fact that our dear Bishop has transferred the active duties of the Episcopate to our Assistant Bishop, and thus will cause a partial separation ; be it

Resolved. That we cannot permit even this partial severance of our accustomed relations to pass without expressing our sincere gratitude for his life-long services to this Diocese. He has invoked blessings upon our heads. May this Council unite in invoking the blessings of Almighty God upon his declining years.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Council remained standing while the Bishop, in brief and touching response, made grateful acknowledgment of the affectionate and loyal devotion on the part of Clergy and people, which had characterized his whole career. In laying down the burden of active labor it was with less regret, seeing his worthy Assistant was to take it up, who had shown himself strong to bear it, and ready for any service and any sacrifice.

After the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the Bishop said the collects, and gave the benediction.


The Council adjourned *sine die*.

Signed.

HUGH MILLER THOMPSON,

Assistant Bishop

A true copy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "W. C. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W". Below the signature is a horizontal line that extends to the right and then curves upwards at the end.

Secretary.

The Annual Address

OF THE

V. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN D.D., LL.D.,

BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI,

1884.

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COUNCIL :

k God, dear brethren, that, though in much weakness, I am once more, to be with you, and give you my blessing. At the last Council, it was doubtful whether I should ever have the again meeting you. By an inscrutable Providence my life has aged, though with but little power to serve you, as I desire.

twelve months have not passed without leaving memories both ring and rejoicing character. In the *material* world, the losses flood have been unusual in number, and destructive of much as property—sufficiently so, one may think, to suggest to our e of Enrichment” the propriety of adding to our Litany a Dep-
ainst those unruly elements, as well as against “War, Pestilence e.” But, in looking back upon those repeated and wide-spread what a lovely spectacle of Christian brotherhood is seen in the iste of both government and people in flying to the relief of ss and the famishing—a spectacle to be seen only in a land he knowledge of Jesus Christ.

perience of God’s *spiritual* kingdom, and within the bounds Communion, we have to mourn the death of the Rt. Rev. Wm .D., Bishop of Maryland. Being the scion of a distinguished essed of an independent fortune, and with abilities that might

have won him reputation in any pursuit of life, that departed brother chose the self-denying Ministry of Christ before all that could be hoped for in the applause or the riches of the world. Rising from one grade of the Ministry to another he came to be the chief pastor of his native Diocese; where for thirteen years, he set an example of earnest piety to all, while with a firm and impartial hand, he administered the affairs of a Diocese unhappily divided. At the early dawn of the 4th of July, his spirit, by a sudden and painless transit, was taken to a brighter and better world.

To the departure of this true man of God, we have now to add another, in the recent and lamented death of the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, D.D., Bishop of Nebraska; of whom it may truly be said, if, of any laborer for Christ, that he threw his whole soul into his work, was unceasing in labor, and a most successful builder of the Temple of God. The record of his seventeen years of Missionary life will be a lasting monument of the patient energy, the hopeful trust, and the far-reaching wisdom with which he carried out his plans for the creation of a well-founded Diocese. The cause of Missions will long find occasion for humble glorying in the very name and mention of Robert Clarkson.

Whilst I acknowledge, with thankfulness, that the Ministerial rank of our Diocese has been unbroken by death, a sense of gratitude and affection, as well as of duty, compels me to speak of one who, though unordained to the Ministry, was a preacher, a pastor, and a builder of churches, in every way allowable to a Laymen. Such was the late Dr. Thomas J. Catchings. For many years of his life, that worthy brother was a member of one of the denominations with which our land abounds. But, no sooner did he become acquainted with the worship and doctrines of the Church than he sought rest and satisfaction in her communion. As Vestryman, Sunday-school Teacher and Lay-Reader, he was indefatigable in doing what he could; and together with his wife and daughters was successful in building more than one Church, to the glory of God. Who, then, will question the right of so deserving a brother to be held in grateful and honorable remembrance?

Having thus pointed your attention to the losses sustained by our Church and people, within the last twelve months, let us now see what God has done in our behalf. And, first, let us thank Him that we have had another General Convention, marked by a unanimity of sentiment, a wise deliberation, and a spirit of brotherly kindness seldom vouchsafed to bodies of so large a number, and of like composition. To this we may add what is to our more lasting benefit, the recent accession of five Bishops to the list of our Episcopate, viz: The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker, for the Diocese of Indiana; Rev. Dr. Potter, Assistant Bishop for New York; Rev. Dr. Randolph, Assistant Bishop for Virginia; Rev. Dr. Walker, Missionary Bishop

Dakota, and Rev. Dr. Watson, Bishop for Eastern Carolina. For such an increase in the number and strength of our Episcopate devout thanksgiving may well go up throughout our land.

For is our own Diocese without abundant cause for a like thanksgiving. Through the abounding labors of my able Assistant, to whom I have committed all the Missionary concerns of the Diocese, many of our wastes have been filled by the incoming of the Rev. Robert G. Hinsdale, from the Diocese of Western New York; Rev. Wm. Short, from Long Island; Rev. A. K. Hall, from Louisiana; Rev. Joseph E. Martin, from Indiana, and the Rev. Messrs. John T. Hargrove, and G. W. Lyres, from Diocese of New York. To these may be added the name of Mr. George L. Neide, from the Missionary District of Colorado, a candidate for Orders, very soon to be ordained.

At the close of our last Council I was so prostrated by over exertion and fatigue as to make me truly thankful to my worthy Assistant for accompanying me to my home. A few days only, of perfect rest and freedom from excitement were necessary to restore me to health again. For this, I devoutly offer up my thanks to my Great Deliverer.

May 7, 1883.—I transferred Rev. James Foster to the Diocese of South-Ohio.

May 9th—I appointed David E. Holt, as a Lay-Reader in St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

June 28th—Transferred Rev. Wm. W. Maybin to the Diocese of Albany.

July 26th—It is, no doubt, remembered by you, brethren, that previous to our last Council, I sent a Circular to all our Southern and South-Western Dioceses, inviting each Bishop, accompanied by one Clergyman, and one or more Laymen, to meet in Council, for a full and free conference on relations of our Church to the, our late, slave population. A meeting of such a body was imperatively demanded by the near approach of our General Convention, when that subject would not fail to be brought to consideration. In obedience to that invitation, thirteen Bishops, attended by a number of their Clergy and Laity, assembled at the University of the South, on the 26th of July, and remained in consultation several days. The result of their conference was the passage of sundry resolutions, and the appointment of a Committee to lay them before the Convention. If no direct and immediate good has sprung from that Conference, it has, at least, helped largely to quicken a deeper and wider interest in a subject of such vital concern to both Church and country.

It was a great pleasure to the families of Sewanee to welcome these brethren to our boards, and to make known to many of them, for the first time, the natural beauties of the place, and its superior educational advantages. As commencement day followed close upon the adjournment of the conference, most of its members remained to take part in the exercises as well as the ceremonies of the occasion.

August 18th—I transferred William Taylor Douglas, a candidate for Orders, to the Diocese of Louisiana.

Sept. 6th—Appointed W. W. Moore and R. W. Magruder as Lay-Readers in St. James Parish, Port Gibson.

Oct. 3d—I was favored in meeting my brethren, once more, in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia. Of the sayings and doings of that body, pleasant as the task might be, it would gratify me to give you in detail a satisfactory account. But that you have already learned from the public prints. Suffice it for me to say that the talent, and the wealth and the religious zeal of our Church was never before so fully represented. The discussions were able and learned, and unruffled, even for a moment. Party feeling was unknown to either House; and Bishops, and Clergy, and Laity acted as one man, with one mind and one spirit for the best interests of the Church.

The chief subject that engaged their attention was the proposed emendations and enrichment of our Prayer Book, recommended by a committee of the preceding Convention of 1880.

Not an iota of doctrine was changed, or one act of devotion annulled; but the whole was so arranged and furnished as to give increased fervor and comprehensiveness to our public devotions.

As the changes thus proposed to be made in our Book of Common Prayer affect our organic or constitutional existence, they will present a claim to the careful consideration of this present Council, and of the two following, before they can be moulded into shape of law. Much wisdom and much labor were bestowed on that report by the very able committee to whom it was assigned. And I trust that it will receive like cautious and calm consideration from the several Diocesan Councils to which it is now submitted.

A week before the adjournment of the Convention, leave of absence was kindly granted to me, as, on account of my imperfect sense of hearing, it was impossible for me to partake intelligently in its proceedings.

Soon after my return home, being in good health, I entered on a short visitation to some of the more out-of-the-way and pastorless Parishes along the river.

On my way I spent two days, November 10th and 11th, at Iuka, where I preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized *one* infant. It is no less surprising than gratifying to me to see how that little handful of Church members bear their long privation of the Church's ministrations, except such as my annual visitations have afforded them.

Nor. 13th, 14th & 15th, were given to Rosedale. On Thursday, the 15th, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I confirmed *two* young persons in private. Here is another pastorless little flock, dependent solely, for Church services, on the coming of the Bishop.

Saturday & Sunday, 17th and 18th, were spent in Greenville. On Sunday, the 18th, assisted by the Rector, I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed *six* candidates. In the evening, I preached again, confirming *six* more. This Parish, by its steady growth, is justly responding to the faithful labors of its Pastor.

Sunday, 25th—I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Vicksburg, confirming *twelve* persons; and preached again in the evening in the church of the Holy Trinity.

On *Saturday, Dec. 1st*, I reached Jackson, expecting to preach the next day; but was thankful, as the hour approached, to learn that my worthy Assistant had just arrived; to whom I very gladly assigned the duties of the pulpit, whilst I took the chief part in the services of the altar. At the close of the services, I was glad, for a few moments, to meet the members of the Vestry, in order to point their attention to a Clergyman ready to meet the wants and wishes of the congregation.

I have since been gratified at learning that the Clergyman then spoken of has since been invited, and is now zealously at work, to the full satisfaction of his people.

In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, I received *three* children, by baptism, into the bosom of the Church.

Tuesday, Dec. 4th—I preached in the evening at Canton: and the next day convened the Vestry, for a conference on their pastorless condition. The result was, a resolution to invite the Rev. Dr. Harris to officiate for them on two Sundays in each month, until they are able to obtain a resident pastor.

Oxford, 6th—I, this day, received the "Letters Dimissory" of the Rev. G. Hinsdale, D.D., from the Diocese of Western New York. After spending several days in Oxford, in pleasant intercourse with Bishop Thompson, and Dean Moore, on Sunday the 9th, I preached in the Cathedral, and confirmed *one* person. I was pleased to learn that the judicious repairs now being made on their Church building, are only the forerunners of such further improvements as will make it more worthy of being the "Cathedral Church" of the Diocese.

I had made an appointment to preach in Holly Springs on the 9th; but gladly consented to transfer it to Bishop Thompson, whilst I occupied his place in Oxford.

On my way home, I tarried two or three days in Nashville, in an endearing intercourse with one of my sons, a grandson, and three great-grandsons.

Saturday 22d—Acknowledged the "transfer" of Rev. A. Kinney Hall, from the Diocese of Louisiana.

Thursday 27th—In St. Paul's Chapel on the Mountain, I took part in the pleasurable duty of uniting a couple in Matrimony.

January 11th, 1884—Received the "Letters Dimissory" of Rev. John N. Hargrove from the Diocese of New York.

February 15th—In conjunction with Bishop Thompson, I issued a Pastoral Letter to the Diocese, on the observance of Lent, in our present circumstances.

February 16th—Received the "Letters Dimissory" of Rev. G. W. Sinclair Ayres from the Diocese of New York.

February 23d—Gave my consent to the Consecration of Rev. Alfred A. Watson, D.D., as the Bishop of Eastern Carolina.

January 29th—Received the "Letters Dimissory" of Rev. William Short, from the Diocese of Long Island.

March 7th—Received the "Letters Dimissory" of George Little Neide, Candidate for Orders, from the Missionary District of Colorado.

March 14th—Received the "Letters Dimissory" of Rev. Joseph E. Martin, from the Diocese of Indiana.

April 17th—(being the Thursday of Easter week) in the town of Wilmington, North Carolina, and at the request of the Presiding Bishop, I gave to the Rev. Alfred Augustine Watson, D.D., Bishop elect of the Dio

cese of East Carolina, authority for the office and work of a Bishop in the House of God. In this holy office I was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely, D.D., Bishop of Maine, Rt. Rev. W. B. W. Howe, D.D., Bishop of South Carolina, Rt. Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, D.D., Bishop of North Carolina, Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, and Rt. Rev. Alfred M. Randolph, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

It was a heartfelt pleasure to me, to be thus instrumental in giving to this newly-born Diocese a Bishop as mature in judgment as in years, and one who, by pure merit only, had won his way to that Apostolic Office.

Whilst in Wilmington, I confirmed one person, in private, at the request of Rector of St. James' Church.

April 25th—Received from the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Jagger, D.D., an acknowledgment of the transfer of Rev. James Foster, to the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

April 26th—Received notice from the Vestry of Grace Church, Canton, of their having invited the Rev. Joseph E. Martin to become their Rector.

May 1st—On my way to the Council, I tarried a day in Nashville, Tennessee, and in the Church of the Ascension, administered Holy Baptism to an infant, great-grandson of mine.

May 4th—In Aberdeen, I preached and assisted the Rector in the services of the morning. As my visit was unexpected, and on short notice, no class of candidates had been made ready for confirmation.

Two of our Clergy who have, for some time, been upon our list, but absent from the Diocese, have lately taken "Letters Dimissory", viz: Rev. Wm. W. Maybin, to the Diocese of Albany, and Rev. James Foster, to that of Southern Ohio.

Forty-two Candidates have received the Rite of Confirmation at my hands; *seven* infants, and *three* adults have been baptized.

One Candidate for Orders, William T. Douglas, has been transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana. Four Lay Readers have been appointed; viz: David E. Holt, for St. Paul's Parish, Woodville; Wm. W. Moore, and R. W. Magruder for St James' Church, Port Gibson, and W. T. Walthall for the Parishes of Biloxi and Mississippi City.

Such, dear brethren, is the meagre account which I am able at this time to lay before you; trusting that it will be received with all due allowance by you, and our common Master, as the work of one who has done what he could.

Let us now, in conclusion, draw your attention to one or two objects which have, before this, been presented to you; but either for want of time or means, have not been acted upon.

But, first, let me remind you that some action of this Council will be required in the approval or rejection of the labors of the "Committee of Enrichment," as set forth in a resolution of our late General Convention. If it should please you to take up this important question, I trust that it will receive the full and deliberate consideration which it so justly demands.

And let me, once more, recommend that by resolution, if not in a more practical manner, the views of the Diocese be expressed in favor of the cause of Temperance, now taken up, upon Scriptural grounds by so many of the Spiritual Rulers of our Church, and the Church of England.

A like recommendation, if no more, would be a hearty acknowledgment

f the duty of each Diocese to make provision for the support of its aged and disabled Clergymen.

And let me earnestly, dear brethren, speak to you of the duty and necessity laid upon each one of us, either personally, or through our Parishes, to contribute something, however little, to the treasuries of our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Societies." As that excellent monthly sitor, "The Spirit of Missions," is laid before me, I eagerly and involuntarily turn to the monthly statement of receipts, to see how much each parish of our Diocese has contributed out of what God has given them; and I am too generally mortified at finding nothing set down to the credit of Mississippi. I am fully aware, dear friends, that as a Diocese, we are poor, very poor, in comparison with many others. But should that excuse us from giving nothing, or next to nothing to a work so commanded of God, and so necessary to the extension of his Church?

Is the bond that binds us, as individuals, to a Parish, or as a Parish to the Diocese of so flimsy a texture that it cannot stretch itself to take into view the millions and myriads yet to be converted to Christ? Indifference to the words of those who are perishing for gospel bread in our own or distant lands may well make us look narrowly to the grounds of our own hope in Christ. When a noble heathen could make his boast that "he had a fellow-feeling for all that belonged to man," shall any soul, redeemed of Christ, and baptized of the Holy Ghost, say less, with regard to the heathen in his blindness, or a christian brother in the far off solitude of our forests? The words of our Blessed Lord, once spoken to the Pharisees, may well be applied here, "These ought ye to have, and not leave the others undone." Of the two duties, that of supplying the wants of your own Diocese may well come first; but should not form either justification or excuse for withholding some measure of help to the more general agencies of the Church. Let me hope then that henceforward, whilst fully and liberally casting into the treasury of our Diocesan Missions, we will all remember the claims of those two societies which are doing with us the same work for God, though on a more expanded scale.

Before I conclude, let me, with thankfulness, say to the friends of our 'University of the South,' that a brighter day seems to be dawning on that School of sound learning and true religion. The number of the pupils is increasing with every year; and one building after another, of lasting and beautiful material is helping to give increased facilities to its instructors, and additional adornment to a place already lovely in its natural garb. Parents, not of our communion only, but of all religious preferences, are beginning to see that our Mountain top, with its thorough instruction and paternal discipline, is the safest retreat for their boys, not only from the malaria of the lower country, but from the temptation to idleness and vice inseparable from the vicinity of a town or city.

I now leave you, dear brethren, as I know that my Assistant has already given you a more full and satisfactory account of the work of the past year.

May the spirit of Love and of Wisdom inspire and direct your counsels.

W. M. GREEN.

The Second Annual Address

OF THE

RIGHT REVEREND HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, D.D.,

ASSISTANT BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI,

1884.

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TO THE COUNCIL :

We are again met together to consult upon the interests of the Kingdom of God. It is a duty, and it is also a high privilege. Duty and privilege both should be met seriously, in the faith and fear of God. Our wise action now will bear fruit in centuries to come. Our errors, our untruths, our cowardice will drag failures after them for our children and our children's children. It is a solemn thing to stand at the beginnings of things and shape life, movement, and tendency for all the coming years. And that is where we stand this day in Mississippi.

I have said we are to consult upon the interests of the Kingdom of God. But in the ordered Church, every man has his own assignment, and his limitations measure his duty.

In God's ruling our duty lies in a particular field, with its own problems and its own needs. And while the questions of the General Church Catholic must take hold upon every Catholic Christian, it is nevertheless the fact, that he serves the whole best who serves best at his own post, and does his duty best within his own bounds.

The Master of the vineyard has assigned us duty in Mississippi, and, for Mississippi, we are responsible.

I need not dwell upon the past, nor the causes which have hindered work here, and which sufficiently account for a weak and struggling Diocese after over half a century of organized existence.

We are, indeed, under the shadow of a past darkened by the smoke of war, among the wrecks of fair hopes that perished in the blossoming. But the past is God's. Leave it in His holy hands, where all is well. We, like wise men and strong men, in true faith in Him, have now to face the work of a new day and deal with a new Mississippi. I have been somewhat among the ruins of that early day, this year, and I have seen how fair they are in their decay, and can understand how tenderly memory lingers over the visions that have faded. They are scattered over our State, these once beautiful rural Churches whose beloved pastors went in and out among a loyal people, and where master and servant kneeled at the same altar, and the high bred mistress catechised the dark-faced servants for whom she held her soul responsible.

But we belong to the race that is always young, the race which stands always in the sunrise and which, because He has so endowed it with perennial youth, God looks to, and I say it reverently while I say it, believing it to the uttermost, God looks to, to lead the van in the saving of His world.

The Church is weak in Mississippi. But I firmly believe she will not long be weak. I think I see where large classes of our people stand apart from all Christian profession now, and always will so stand until Christianity is presented to them in all the reasonableness, breadth, dignity and gentleness with which it clothes itself in its true Catholic form. I have no word of depreciation for the labors of any class of men, of any body of Christian professors. Their zeal and success shame us. But I know, as a matter of fact, that the war of sects has driven large numbers to stand aloof, and that only the Faith Historic can attract or hold them. It has seemed to me there is a field ripe for us if only our hearts are large enough to undertake the gathering.

The Diocese is a family. It gets inevitably a family tone, likeness and sentiment. It is best it should. A parish or a clergyman jarring upon the family sentiment, is necessarily discontented and a cause of discord. We, at all events, have no discords, for which thank God. But shall we make the Diocesan sentiment narrow or generous, sectarian or Catholic, tolerant or intolerant, kindly or unkindly? I believe I can say your answer to all these questions would be mine. And while each Clergyman must attend to his own duty, and, first and foremost, build up his own bit of wall, he is not to forget, nor to let his people forget, that his work and their's is only valuable as it is a part of the whole structure on the common foundation.

In the building of a parish a part of the Diocese must be built also, or we have an institution whose very strength may be a weakness. It is often said, and there is truth in it, that the Church is at present a mass of congregational societies which expect occasional visits from a Bishop. It is the source of much of our weakness, this condition.

Now it certainly is the Bishop's special burden to build the Diocese. He represents an idea which we make much of, at least in profession. But, if it be a living idea, it will seek to clothe itself. The pastoral idea clothes itself outwardly in Church, in Rectory, sometimes in school house and in burial place. These are its living expression and even its necessity.

For my own part, I believe the Episcopal idea needs expression in the same way. The Diocese should have its institutions also, the visible clothing of the Diocesan life. This is with me no new idea. It came to me to advocate it very early and my convictions have never changed. That no Diocese, in the true sense, which the Bishop can carry about in his hand which has no visible sign of existence save the Bishop himself.

The Diocese needs its local habitation, and its own roof and fireside. That is as the parish needs its parish Church, so the Diocese needs its Diocesan Church. I care little for names, very much for things. Call it Cathedral, Bishop's Church, or any other name, but the Bishop, for the proper exercise of his functions, and the proper dignity of his office, needs a Church which shall be absolutely under his own control.

Again, as the parish needs a home for its pastor, so the Diocese needs a home for the Bishop. Whether the Bishop has one of his own or not, has nothing to do with this. The Diocese for its own sake, should furnish an official residence, ample enough not only for the Bishop's household, but for meetings of the Clergy, for the Diocesan library and archives, for such apostolic hospitality as a Bishop should be prepared to show.

And besides the Diocesan Church and residence, should there be Diocesan Schools, and institutions of charity and help.

More and more in our best worked Dioceses, East and West, new and old, are these things aimed at and obtained. Our larger and more ancient and Catholic idea of the Diocese and the Episcopate is everywhere seeking to express itself in a Diocese with institutions and a Bishop with a Church and an altar which are the spiritual hearth of the common family.

The education of the young is a duty which the Church neglects at her peril and theirs. Except for the short hour once a week in a Sunday school, we are doing nothing in this duty. I bear the burden of a shame here. Nearly every religious body in the State has its schools or institutes where it educates the young. It is easy to sneer at these so-called colleges and academies for their sometimes extravagant pretensions, for their lack of endowments and the means of a high scholarship. They are not Ox-fords or Cambridges, nor even Yales or Harvards. But let us remember that a very minute percentage of our young people could profit by any great university, and that the higher education of the thousands must be had in these smaller institutions which dot our State, and of which the Church has not one.

communion with the wealth and intelligence of ours, our record here is, I can say no less, to our shame. The education of our fathers and mothers of Mississippi is not in our hands. We do nothing for them. Shall we be astonished if, hereafter, they do for us? As with a man so with a Church, "Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

Let us yet a little further bear with me upon neglects. More than half the Mississippians are black people. Is the Church's commission to the people only? If so, what means our persistent and costly, (costly in blood and lives, as in money,) work in Africa? Is a negro's condition in Africa of more near responsibility to us than a negro's condition in Mississippi? The Mississippi negro being an English speaking man too, an American, a voting citizen, and professedly a Christian?

We have not a single negro congregation in the Diocese. We are, none of us far as I know, undertaking to do anything for them or with them. We simply do not count them in, in any calculation about Church work. This is a plain and very dark-colored fact—a very obtrusive fact in all other respects—stares us daily in the face, and we just shut our eyes to it where it is concerned, and the commission of an Apostolic Church. Is it Christian?

We may call it a problem and speak of its difficulties. But it is a problem of our own doors, and its difficulties have not yet been tried. They are great, but of one thing I am sure or I would not stand here in this sacred office, the Church is bound to undertake them or forfeit her presence; and she has just that to bring to the colored people of Mississippi, they are not getting in the caricature of Christianity too often preached and professed among them to their physical and spiritual degradation—namely, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments—which, unless they are taught them, as the centre and marrow of religion, will leave them a more serious problem than they now are for the neglectful dealing of our children.

Thank I have seen enough in my work in the Diocese, to make me believe that there is a field for the Church among the colored people of this land, that in fact, we hold that which is their sole hope morally—a discipline of training and not of mere emotion, of duty and obedience, free of nervous spasms. One now and then meets a pious negro man, trained in the Church's ways, in a devout Church household of long time, and he sees how far this calm, settled, high-principled religion and duty has marked its subject off from the common mass of his kind who profess a religion which knows none of God's commandments. The best type of negro character, (and it is a high type of character ability,) is found among those who were reared in the homes of Churchmen and women, who, as children, were prepared for confirmation by some pious woman.

Men and brethren, look to your responsibilities herein. The day reckoning comes sometime in the years of God for every neglect of plain duty. It comes on Churches, as it comes on men. And standing here under the old Commission, by which only we have the right to be or to do—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to *every creature*," let us take trembling care how we turn our backs, because of "difficulties," real or imaginary, upon half the people of our own fair State, our neighbors be, and the neighbors of our children for generations, just because the neighbors have black faces.

"But we are so few." "The workers are so few." Yes, they are. The scarcity of clergy is a cry ascending from every Diocese. Not the scarcity of clergy seeking "good parishes." There are plenty of them hanging about the skirts of abundance, of luxury and worldliness, ready to be rich men's hirelings for an easy life. But clergy who were ordained *all over*, whom God set apart from the world and put His yoke upon, to live and die for a grand cause, who were branded in their ordination with the King's signet at red heat, till the world was scorched out of their hearts and they went out, driven by the awful purpose which had seized them, and scorched by the white flame from before the Throne, "to toil, and watch, and wait out all their days."

These clergy are scarce. They always were. But what power, as of the right arm of Jehovah, they wield when they do appear among men!

Clergy are scarce in Mississippi. How shall the lack be supplied? Don't be startled if my answer differs from those you hear commonly. It is essentially a fireside question. It belongs to father and mother. Clergy are scarce because the flame of household piety has died. The father plans a world's life for his son. The mother no longer devotes her boy to the altar. She used to do it. Sometimes she does it yet, and these mother-ordained priests are the grandest priests of all—consecrated from birth, set apart in the cradle, ordained by the high service of a mother's prayers, and tears, and hopes—these are the genuine priests in the Church always—household-offerings to God!

I am looking for a clergy like this in the time to come. I know not where else to look. We want your sons, brethren. Not your offerings to educate other men's sons, but your own, your best, your pride, your hope. Woe to the Church that must rake the streets and ransack the asylums for her clergy! In England, it has been the strength and glory of her Church that her clergy came from the castle and the cottage equally, that a priest, the son of a "belted Earl," whose lineage is as old as the crown's, will be serving under a Bishop whose father might have been a workman on that Earl's estate.

For there is no earthly honor comparable to this. It is the highest place among men and so recognized. Your best is none too good for the

of the most earthly life. I say deliberately, if God had blessed me with a dozen sons, my highest hope for each would be to see him seized by the hand of God, overwhelmed with the power of a consecrating conviction, and driven out in sun and rain, to toil in the poorest mission and stand, God's man and priest, to serve at the lowliest altar in all His Church Catholic.

Fathers and mothers, where are the boys God has given you? We have the right to ask. You acknowledge the right if you profess yourselves of His Church. He asks, and His Church asks, where are your boys? Are none of them illuminated with the "light that never was on land or sea?" Not one touched with the touch of the loftier life? Or are you misleading any of them, condemning one whom God would have a beacon-light to the sailors on life's stormy sea, a soul aflame for God and man, condemning him to grub and grovel for some worldly "success," which is not less mean than a worldly failure?

Look out your best. Your boys with the fiery hearts, with the generous boyish souls, unselfish and enthusiastic, who want a great cause, as the bravest boys always do—"some high cause not their own," to live and die for, and give them to the high Lord of all who loves them and who marked them for His own with the inner fire and light eternal.

You will see that our scant clergy list has been increased somewhat during the year and a number of our vacant places filled. This increase has been altogether from abroad. I believe, indeed, we have only three original Mississippi candidates working in the Diocese. This ought not so to be. We should have a native clergy and there can be no solidity until our own people send us our own clergy from the firesides of our own Diocese.

And this naturally brings me to our missionary work. The Diocese is in fact a purely missionary field. My own work in it hitherto has been, like our revered Diocesans, for so many years, to be the missionary at large—to go where no other clergyman goes, and hold service where, save for the Bishop's coming, there would be none at all. It is a blessed work, and I have found blessing in it, and love it, but it is scarcely, we will all concede, the work which Bishops are set forth to do continuously.

I have been anxious to get our vacant parishes and missions supplied. And in some degree they have been, by our additions, and will be still more by several helpers whom I am yet expecting.

And here let me say in serious earnestness, that the parish organization, unless it be where there is full promise of life, increase, power and continuance, is only a block and an obstacle in the way of our work. We have parishes which must go through the form of "calling" a rector before anything can be done for them, and which actually cannot give \$200 a year to their so-called rector. To state the fact is to expose its absurdity.

We need some method of organizing the mission as distinct from the parish, by which the mission shall have its organization, its representation

in this Council, and its due influence and position in the Diocese, while its property shall be held by the Trustees in trust, and its services be supplied without the idle exercise of a patronage which is unworthy of serious thought.

Our Diocese is an applicant for aid in its work in all departments to the General Church, and must be for some time to come.

And here let me say, with all weight of emphasis, that I hold it unfair, unmanly and unchurchly for us to forget this permanent fact to the neglect of our duty to the General Missions of the Church. We have been the recipients of the Church's bounty since our organization, and I shall not be content until every parish and every smallest mission makes its annual and regular offering to the Board of Missions. Neglect here is not honesty.

And let me also say that in the applications for help which we are continually making to the Church generally, by parishes and by individuals, there should be a sacred sense of honor and a careful care which I regret to say have not always been exercised.

Our brethren in other Dioceses are glad to help us. They never turn a deaf ear to our appeals. It is so much the greater shame that gifts consecrated by the piety of the givers, gifts of the poor often, mites of the widow, consecrated on the altar, should be either carelessly dissipated, speculated upon by treasurers or made away with by the carelessness or connivance of Church officers.

When one thinks of the horrible sin of sacrilege, a sin which bears God's especial curse, one shudders at the thought of the commission of the last and most awful crime to which men can be instigated by the devil, the robbery of the altar and alms-basin, by men who claim to bear the name of Christ. Better go out houseless and bare into the pitiless winds of winter, than to carry a soul leprous and dragged to the abyss by the clinging curse of God's consecrated things taken from God's service to our own.

I have quite made up my mind that, so far as I am concerned, I will sanction no appeal for aid to any parish, either for Church building, rectory building, or any other purpose, unless I am well assured that the property is in the hands of the Trustees of the Diocese, or in that of a parish so strong as to give assurance of stability for all time to come, and so visibly prominent that its acts will be open to daily criticism.

At the last Council we appointed a Board of Diocesan Missions. It has done nothing so far. It had nothing in fact to do. The Treasurer, however, has received encouraging offerings, which his report will show. These may be and must be greatly increased in the coming year. We begin this new year with something in the treasury, at all events. We must learn to help ourselves, or we have no right to ask others to help us. I trust this new movement will, for the year to come, take vigorous hold upon the Diocese, and reach out strong arms of help in needy places, and the Committee become a power and a reality.

The Diocese should at once take prompt measures to begin an Episcopal Endowment. Parishes, especially in a poor Diocese like ours, should be relieved from the grinding burden of these yearly assessments, and here resolutions and the formation of committees and the like will not wholly answer. We want work. There is, I understand, a considerable property scattered loosely about the Diocese, which would form the nucleus of an Endowment Fund.

There are the lands at Jackson, the Corcoran gift, the property at Dry Grove, and, as I was informed last spring, a fund of some \$3000, collected throughout the Diocese for a Bishop's house, and in the hands of some persons in Vicksburg, as also a building site in that city, all of which should be put, in my judgment, into some productive shape as the beginning at least of an Endowment Fund. When the beginning is made and in safe hands I have no doubt help will be forthcoming from various sources to accomplish a purpose which is of first importance to the dignity and prosperity of the Diocese.

And here I emphasize the expression that no mere resolution nor canon will of itself answer. It is absolutely essential that some of our laymen should take hold of this matter, and, giving it time and care, gather up the scattered funds and property of the Diocese into a shape that is business-like and that has a purpose. Unless canons and resolutions be followed by work they are of little consequence.

The question of an Episcopal residence, while an important one, in fact of the first importance, need not, I think, now be pressed. At various times it has interested the Diocese, and one of the funds of which I have spoken was begun, as I am informed, in Columbus, for this purpose, and gathered throughout the Diocese, finally receiving in Vicksburg its concluding additions. In the hands of the Trustees also there is some fragmentary fund for the same purpose. But all these should be massed, I think, into the Endowment Fund, and the question of residence left for the present to itself.

The action of the parish of St. Peter's, at Oxford, provided the Assistant Bishop with a roof, domestic and ecclesiastic, on his first coming to the Diocese. But he is in doubt whether that city, notwithstanding its importance as a seat of learning, is the best place for an Episcopal residence, and while he appreciates the frank and Churchly spirit of the action, he is not, after experience, prepared to accept it as *finally* determining his point of residence in the Diocese.

Should the Diocese, however, at any time hereafter undertake to make such determination, he desires it distinctly understood that it involves not only the question of a domestic, but also of an ecclesiastic home, Church as well as house, though the Church be but the smallest Chapel, and the house the humblest cottage. It is a matter of conviction and principle with him, that a Bishop needs an altar as much as a fireside of his own.

Had the Diocese possessed an Episcopal residence in its present circumstances it would have saved the speaker a great deal of doubt and annoyance in his entrance upon his work, and one of his cares shall be that it may get such residence for whomsoever may follow. If the Diocese also were in a condition to settle the question now, he would accept the settlement as final for himself, but leaving him to provide for himself in this matter, he must reserve the right to live where it shall be most agreeable to his family (who are really enduring the greatest sacrifice of any concerned) and where it may be most convenient to himself in his work, or where he may think it so to be.

In this matter and many others, it is our misfortune to have no city in Mississippi which by its size and importance and central influences would determine such a question on sight.

About a matter which I think demands early attention, let me say that while I have little faith in Canons or resolutions generally, while you always need a man—one man at least—behind any Canon to make it effective, behind any resolution to make it resolve; yet, at the same time Canons and Constitutions are very necessary things in their place. I have tried to find what those of Mississippi are, and owing to the confusion into which they have fallen, I have failed clearly to understand them in many cases.

I would therefore respectfully recommend to the Council a wholesale operation here, the appointment of a committee, wisely selected, of our clergy and laity, to revise wholly, the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

We want no elaborate legislation. We do want some plain rules, founded on Catholic and Churchly principles, by which plain people like ourselves, may order themselves intelligently in the business of the Church of God.

In compliance with the Canon I present as a report to the Bishop of the Diocese the account of my ministrations during the past Conciliar year, not in the form of a diary or journal, but condensed simply to cover the work.

It will be seen that there are some points in the Diocese which I have not yet visited. There have been some of them visited by the Bishop of the Diocese, and others are points which, though down on our lists, and even subjects of our assessments, have no Church existence whatever, as, for instance, Pascagoula and Edwards. Other points, as "Greenwood," being in the swamp, my visits have been necessarily postponed until summer dries a passage way.

It is to be understood that in nearly all visitations I have met the Vestry and catechized the children.

And here allow me to explain what has been somewhat misunderstood. I mean the Visitation Questions which I have caused to be sent to the

Clergy and the Vestries. These questions are put in the exercise of the visitatorial power inherent in the office of a Bishop. Neither they nor their answers are for publication. They are questions asked for the Bishop's sole information, under the Canon which commands his periodic visitation of every parish at least once in three years. By that Canon it is his duty to "visit the Churches within his Diocese," not merely when there is a cause to confirm, but "for the purpose of examining the state of his Church, respecting the behavior of his Clergy, ministering the Word, and, if he think fit, administering the Sacrament or the Lord's Supper."

This visitation is not inquisitorial, to find fault, but fatherly, to give help. But the Bishop must know where to help and to advise. That is all he can do in visitations, but he needs information to do that intelligently. It is for this purpose the Visitation Questions have been sent out, and I think the Clergy generally have found them very useful and helpful.

In conclusion, brethren, let me say most kindly and lovingly, that we need to wake up in the Diocese to the crisis and the work. I have no care to spare myself. I should be ashamed to think that any clergyman worked harder than his Bishop. Unworthy as I am, and full of faults, I pray God at least for honesty that I may be what I seem, in a manly fashion. I have a dream that we can make Mississippi a model for a devoted clergy and a loyal laity, and that its Assistant Bishop may at least not belie the traditions of its Episcopate for clean hands and a pure heart and simplicity of life.

Having pretty thoroughly gone through the Diocese, I have nothing but hope for the future. I have seen our kindly, earnest and loyal brethren believe in them. They only wait to be pointed the road. In more than one case I have seen how a despairing congregation has waked to courageous, aggressive life at the touch and word of a faithful priest.

Let us gird ourselves anew with the garments of power for our work, and let the faith and fear of God determine to go in and possess the good land which the Lord our God hath given us!

HUGH MILLER THOMPSON,

Assistant Bishop.

SUMMARY OF THE ASSISTANT BISHOP'S

OFFICIAL ACTS.

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- ABERDEEN, ST. JOHN'S CH—Three visitations. Preached seven times. Administered Holy Communion twice. Instituted Rector. Confirmed *four*.
- BROOKHAVEN, REDEEMER—(Mission)—Two visitations. Preached twice. Confirmed *two*.
- BRANDON, ST. LUKE'S—One visitation. Preached. Celebrated Holy Communion.
- BOVINA, ST. ALBAN'S—One visitation. Preached. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *three*.
- BOLTON, ST. MARY'S—One visitation. Evening prayer. Marriage one.
- BILOXI, REDEEMER—Two visitations. Preached four times. Confirmed *fifteen*.
- BAY, ST. LOUIS, GRACE—Two visitations. Preached three times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Baptized one. (Adult). Confirmed *one*.
- CHURCH HILL, CHRIST—One visitation. Celebrated Holy Communion and preached once.
- COLUMBUS, ST. PAUL'S—Three visitations. Celebrated Holy Communion three times. Preached eight times. Confirmed *one*.
- CLINTON, ST. MATTHEW'S—One visitation. Preached once. Confirmed *three*.
- CANTON, GRACE—Three visitation, preached six times. Celebrated Holy Communion three times. Baptized one adult, one infant, (2.) Confirmed *five*.
- ST. ELMO, EPIPHANY—One visitation. Preached once. Confirmed *three*.
- CARROLLTON, GRACE—Two visitations. Preached twice, laid corner-stone of new Church. Confirmed, *two*.
- CORINTH, CHRIST—Mission—One visitation. Evening Prayer and preached.
- COMO, HOLY INNOCENTS—One visitation. Preached once.
- CRYSTAL SPRINGS—Mission—One visitation. (Could find no place for service.
- ENTERPRISE—Mission—One visitation. Celebrated Holy Communion. preached twice. Confirmed *six*.

- ST. PAUL'S—One visitation. Preached once. Confirmed *four*.
- ALL SAINTS—Two visitations. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion.
- ST. GEORGE'S, CHRIST—Two visitations. Preached four times. Read Prayers. Administered Communion twice.
- ST. STEPHEN'S—Two visitations. Celebrated Holy Communion. Preached twice. Confirmed *two*.
- ST. JOHN'S—One visitation. Evening Prayer. Preached, baptized an infant.
- ST. ANDREW'S—Four visitations. Celebrated Holy Communion three times. Baptized *four* adults, *one* infant, preached seven times, confirmed *eight*.
- ST. PHILLIP'S—One visitation. Preached twice, confirmed *eight*.
- ST. MARY'S—One visitation, preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *three*.
- ST. JAMES'—One visitation, preached once at Madison Station.
- ST. ANDREW'S—One visitation. Preached once. Celebrated Holy Communion
- ST. JAMES'—Mission—Two visitations. Preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion twice.
- ST. JAMES'—Mission—Three visitations. Preached seven times. Confirmed *three*. Celebrated Holy Communion twice.
- ST. JAMES'—Mission—Two visitations. Preached five times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *seven*.
- ST. JAMES'—Mission—Three visitations. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *one*.
- ST. JAMES'—Mission—One visitation. Preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *seven*.
- ST. JAMES'—Mission—Two visitations. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Consecrated new Chancel. Confirmed *twenty-eight*.
- PETER'S—Preached nine times. Celebrated Holy Communion three times. Confirmed, at three Confirmations, *nine*.
- ST. JAMES'—One visitation. Preached twice. Celebrated the Holy Communion. Confirmed *four*.
- ST. JAMES', TRINITY—Two visitations, Preached twice. Celebrated the Holy Communion twice. Baptized two infants. Confirmed *eight*.
- ST. JAMES'—One visitation. Preached once. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *one*.
- ST. JAMES'—Two visitations. Preached three times. Celebrated Holy Communion once. Baptized two infants. Confirmed *one*.
- ST. JAMES'—One visitation. Preached at Evening Prayer.
- ST. JAMES'—SHEPHERD—Two visitations. Preached twice. Confirmed *one*. Celebrated Holy Communion once.
- ST. JAMES'—CHRIST CHURCH—Three visitations. Preached three times. Confirmed *fourteen*.

VICKSBURG, TRINITY—Two visitations. Preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *nine*. (One in private.)

VAIDEN, ST. CLEMENT'S—One visitation. Preached.

WOODVILLE, ST. PAUL'S—One visitation. Preached three times. Confirmed *ten*, (two in private.) Celebrated Holy Communion.

WATER VALLEY, NATIVITY—One visitation. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

WINONA, EMMANUEL—Two visitations. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *six*.

YAZOO CITY, TRINITY—Two visitations. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *four*.

WEST POINT—Mission—Three visitations. Preached three times. Baptized an infant. Confirmed *five*.

(At second visitation tempestuous weather prevented services.)

At the following places not upon our lists I have also officiated:

At Wesson, in the Presbyterian Church, had prayers and preached three times. Administered Holy Communion and baptized three children.

At Handsboro, in the Presbyterian Church preached twice at Evening Prayer.

At Kosciusko. Preached once at Evening Prayer.

In other Dioceses.

I baptized one child at Horse Cove, North Carolina. One child (my grand child) in St. John's Church, Yonkers, N. Y. Celebrated one marriage in St. John's Church, Yonkers, and two in New Orleans. Confirmed fifteen in St. Luke's Church, Altoona, in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, at the request of the Bishop, and preached in Grace and Christ Churches, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, New York; in St. James, Philadelphia; in St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Albany; in St. John's and St. Paul's, Yonkers; in Trinity and St. John's, Elizabeth, N. J.; in Trinity and St. Paul's, Cleveland, Ohio; in St. Paul's and St. John's, Detroit, Michigan, and in St. Luke's, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Baptized, infants, 12; adults, 6. In other Dioceses, infants, 2.

Marriages, 1. In other Dioceses, 3.

Confirmed, 188. In Central Pennsylvania, by request of Bp. M. A. DeW. Howe, 15.)

Sermons preached, 139. In other Dioceses, 15.

Holy Communion Celebrated, 52.

Corner Stone Laid, 1.

Rector instituted, 1.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS

OXFORD, *St. Peter's Cathedral*—The Rt. Rev. H. M. Thompson, D.D., Assistant Bishop; The Rev. M. M. Moore, Dean.

Families, 26; Souls, 107; Baptisms: Infants, 5, Adults, 2; Confirmations, 10; Communicants: Received, 11; Admitted, 4; Removed, 12; Died, 3; Withdrawn, 8; Present Number, 56; Marriage, 1; Burials, 4; Public Services: Sundays, 108; Other Days, 137; Holy Communion, times: Public, 41; Private, 1; Sunday-school: Teachers, 5, Scholars, 30; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$19 15; Minister's Salary, \$600; Miscellaneous, \$811 59; Episcopate, \$73 65; Diocesan Missions, \$11; Domestic Missions, \$22 00; Total, \$1537 39. Church, 1; Sitzings, 250; Rectory, 1, Total valuation of Church Property, \$10,500.

The financial statement here made covers the year 1883 only.

ABERDEEN, *St. John's*—Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr., Rector.

Families, 44; Souls, 186; Baptisms: Infants, 17; Adults, 4; Confirmations, 4; Communicants: Added by Removal, 2; Admission, 4; Died, 1; Present Number, 65; Marriages, 2; Burials, 6; Public Services: Sundays, 116; Other Days, 64; Holy Communion, times Celebrated: Public, 18; Private, 1; Sunday-school, 1; Teachers, 9; Other Officers, 2; Scholars, Males, 23; Females, 38. Contributions: Rector's Salary, \$1100; Parish Expenses, \$140; Miscellaneous, \$165; Paid on Rectory, \$500; Bishop's Salary, \$100; Diocesan Missions \$22 25; Miscellaneous, \$840. Number Churches, 1, Sitzings, 320; Rectory, 1; Estimated Value of Church, \$5000; Rectory, \$2000; Other Property, \$350.

BAY ST. LOUIS, *Grace Church*—The Rev. Geo. L. Neide.

Families, 40; Baptisms, 3; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Received, 9; Admitted, 1; Present Number, 25. Burials, 3; Public Services on Sundays, 8; Holy Communion, times, 4; Sunday-school: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30. Church, 1; Sitzings, 300; Value, \$2500.

This Parish has been without a Rector two years. No records.

*The Diocese of Mississippi.*BOVINA, *St. Alban's.*

Families, 10; Souls 62; Baptisms: Infants, 3; Adult, 1; Confirmations, 3; Communicants: Present Number, 23; Public Services: Sundays, 5; Other Days, 1; Holy Communion, times, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 2; Scholars, 8; Contributions: Parochial, Communion Alms, \$3 30; Missions, \$9 95; Rector's Salary, \$41 25; Diocesan: Bishop's Salary, \$30; Missions, \$2 50; Total, \$74 20. Churches, 1; Estimated value, \$800.

WM. WALK, Secretary.

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BRANDON, *St. Luke's*—The Rev. Geo. C Harris, S.T.D., Rector.

Families, 20; Souls, 100; Baptisms, 1; Communicants: Present Number, 30; Public Services on Sundays, 24; Other Days, 2; Holy Communion, times, 8; Burials, 1; Sunday-school: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 25. Contributions: Rector's Salary, \$200; Expenses, \$60; Bishop's Salary, \$10. Church, 1; Sitzings, 200; Estimated value, \$3000.

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BILOXI, *Church of the Redeemer*—The Rev. R. G. Hinsdale, D.D., Rector.

Families, 59; Souls, 291; Baptisms, 8; Confirmations, 15; Communicants: Received, 3; Admitted, 10; Removed, 2; Present number, 90. Public Services: Sundays, 46, and all other Holy Days. Holy Communion, times Celebrated: Public, 8; Private, 3; Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 11; Scholars, 62; Young ladies Guild. Bible Class meets Weekly. Contributions: Parochial; Communion Alms, \$14 45; Missions, \$15; Rector's Salary, \$670; Parochial Expenses \$8 30; Miscellaneous, \$39 76; Total, \$747 96; Diocesan: Bishop's Salary \$40; Diocesan Missions \$11 05; Miscellaneous expense, \$2 50; total, \$53 55. Without the Diocese. Miscellaneous, \$5 40. Churches, 1; Sitzings, 275; Estimated value, \$3000.

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COMO, *Holy Innocents*—The Rev. E. Hamvasy, LL.D., Rector.

Families, 10; Souls, 43; Baptisms, 3; Communicants Received, 1; Removed, 2; Present number, 25; Marriages, 1; Burials, 2; Public Services Sundays, 70; Other Days, 18; Holy Communion; times, Public, 9; Private, 1; Sunday-school: Teachers, 2; Scholars, 8; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$15 11; Rector's Salary, \$625; Miscellaneous, \$2 50; Episcopate, \$40; Diocesan Missions, \$2 20. Expense, \$5 00; Total \$947 31; Church, 1; Sitzings 150; Value \$4000; Rectory, 1; Value \$2500.

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CLINTON, St. Matthew's Church—Vacant.

Families, 8; Confirmations, 3; Communicants: Removed, 4; Present Number, 15. Paying Members, 5.

CARROLLTON, Grace Church.—The Rev. B. Halstead, Missionary.

Families, 12; Souls, 47; Baptisms: Infants, 1; Adult, 1; Confirmations, 2; Communicants: Received, 2; Died, 4; Present Number, 16; Burials, 4; Public Services: Sundays, 10; Holy Communion, times, 4. Contributions: Episcopate, \$15.

COLUMBUS, St. Paul's—The Rev. Wm. Munford, Rector.

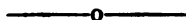
Families, 62; Souls, 205; Baptisms: Infants, 13; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Received, 6; Admitted, 1; Removed, 8; Died, 2; Suspended, 1; Present Number, 104. Marriages, 1; Burials, 8; Public Services: Sundays, 94; Other Days, 234. Holy Communion: times, Public, 20; Private, 3. Sunday-school, 1; Teachers, 5; Scholars, 38; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$128; Rector's Salary, \$1200; Parish Expense, \$550; Miscellaneous, \$375; Episcopate, \$150; Missions, 21 65; Total, \$2434 65. Church, 1; Rectory, 1; Estimated Value, \$1300.

CANTON, Grace—The Rev. Jos. E. Martin, Rector.

Families, 27; Souls, 150; Baptisms: Infants, 2; Adults, 1; Confirmations, 5; Communicants: Received, 5; Admitted, 6; Died, 1; Present Number, 75; Burials, 2; Public Services: Sundays, 18; Other Days, 36; Holy Communion, times, 4; Sunday-school, 1; Teachers, 6; Scholars, 48. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$7 15; Rector's Salary, \$83 33; Expense, \$256 75; Miscellaneous, \$30; Episcopate, \$60; Contingent, \$15; Diocesan Missions, \$37 05; Jewish Missions, \$3 25; Total, \$492 53. Church, 1;ittings, 150; Value, \$2000; Rectory, 1; Value, \$1200; Other Property, \$250.

ST. ELMO, Epiphany—The Rev. Nowell Logan, Rector.

Families, 17; Souls, 70; Baptisms: Infants, 1; Adults, 2; Confirmations, 9; Communicants: Admitted, 5; Present Number, 25; Public Services: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 1; Holy Communion, times: Public, Private, 1. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$5 45; Rector's Salary, \$100; Episcopate, \$15; Expense, \$5; Total, \$125 45. Church, 1; Sittings, 100, Value, \$1200; Rectory, 1; Value, 800; Other Property, \$250.

**ENTERPRISE, St. Mary's Church**—The Rev. Wm. Cross, Rector.

Families, 12; Souls, 48; Baptisms: Infants, 1; Adults, 1; Confirmations, 6; Communicants: Admitted, 7; Received, 3; Died, 1; Present Number, 27; Burials, 1; Public Services: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 4; Holy Communion, times, 6; Sunday-school, 1; Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$7; Rector's Salary, \$60; Expense, \$20; Episcopate, \$25; Diocesan Missions, \$6 45; Total, \$229 90. Church, 1; Sittings, 150; Value, \$2000.

**GREENADA, All Saints**—The Rev. A. Kinney Hall, B.D., Rector.

Baptisms: Infants, 3; Communicants: Actual, 28; Nominal, 21; Sunday-school: Teachers, 4; Scholars, 30; Holy Communion, times, 21; Public Services: Sundays, 62; Other Days, 50; Number of months spent in the Parish, 7. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$11 40; Rector's Salary, \$589; Sunday-school, \$13 30; Ladies' Guild, \$47 25; Episcopate: Bishop Green Special, \$25; Assessment, \$105; Contingent, \$15; Diocesan Missions, \$8 55; Expense, \$47 61; From sale of property, \$632 90; Total, \$1495 47.

**HOLLY SPRINGS, Christ Church**—The Rev. Jno. T. Hargrave, Rector.

Families 50; Souls, 150; Baptisms, 1; Communicants, Received, 1; Removed, 2; Present Number, 78; Marriages, 1; Public Services: Sundays 51; Other Days, 43. Holy Communion, times, 6; Sunday-school: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 35. Contributions: Rector's Salary, \$225; Expenses, \$150; Miscellaneous, \$235; Episcopate, \$50; Contingent, \$6; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Miscellaneous, \$4. Church, 1; Sittings, 300; Value, \$5000.

This report covers period of incumbency of present Rector, four months.

IUKA, *Church of Our Saviour*—Mission. No Missionary.

Families, 4; Souls, 35; Baptisms: Infants, 2; Communicants: Removed, 3; Present Number 12; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Public Services, (by Clergyman) Sunday, 1; Other Day, 1; Holy Communion, times, 1. Sunday-school: Teachers, 4, Scholars, 34. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$2; Expense, \$29 80; Episcopate, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$2; Miscellaneous, \$2 Church, 1; Sitings, 175; Value, \$600.

The service is read every Sunday morning by a lady Evensong every Wednesday and Friday during Lent.

MISS M. A. LAWRENCE, Secretary.

JACKSON, *St. Andrew's*—The Rev. Wm. Short, Rector.

Families, 70; Souls, 340; Baptisms: Infants, 12; Adults, 1; Confirmations, 10; Communicants, 130; Marriages, 3; Burials, 4; Sunday-school: Teachers, 14; Scholars, 110. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$88 45; Rector's Salary, \$1017; Miscellaneous \$1862 70; Episcopate, \$280; Diocesan Missions, \$71 60; Miscellaneous, \$100; Domestic Missions, \$11; Jewish Missions, \$8 95; Foreign Missions, \$12.

Among the various amounts included under the heads Miscellaneous,

The Ladies' Aid Society contributed,\$805 86

The Daughters of St. Andrew's..... 662 08

It is due to these two Societies to mention that during the long vacancy in Rectorship, their interest in the Parish continued unabated, and their labors in its behalf were unceasing, as the amounts raised by each will testify.

KIRKWOOD, *St. Phillip's Church*—The Rev. Willard Presbury, Rector.

Families, 8; Souls, 50; Confirmations, 8; Communicants: Received, 2; Admitted, 7; Removed, 4; Present Number, 16; Public Services: Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Holy Communion, times, 6. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$6 10; Episcopate, \$5; Domestic Missions, 5;

LEXINGTON, *St. Mary's Church*—The Rev. B. Halstead, Rector.

Families, 8; Souls, 54; Baptisms: Infants, 9; Confirmations, 3; Communicants: Admitted, 1; Present Number, 19; Marriages, 2; Burials, 4; Public Services: Sundays, 39; Other Days, 12. Holy Communion, times, 15. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$36; Diocesan Missions, \$9 35; Prayer Book Society, \$4 50. Church, 1; Value, \$2500.

At Sidon, three infants baptized.

MAGNOLIA, *Church of the Redeemer*—Mission—The Rev. Upton B. Bowden, Missionary.

Families, 6; Souls, 30; Baptisms: Adults, 3; Confirmations, 7. Communicants: Present Number, 22; Public Services: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 10. Holy Communion, times, 3, Sunday-school: Teachers, 3; Scholars, 25. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$20; Episcopate, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$1 Church, 1; Sittings, 150; Value, \$3000.

McCOMB, *Mediator*—Mission—The Rev. U. B. Bowden, Missionary.

Families, 20; Souls, 80; Baptisms: Infants, 5; Adults, 1; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Received, 6; Admitted, 2; Removed, 9; Died, 1; Present Number, 20; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; Public Services: Sundays, 50; Other Days, 90. Holy Communion, times, 37; Sunday-school: Teachers, 3; Scholars, 30. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$10; Rector's Salary, \$164 50; Expense, \$126 75; Episcopate, \$27; Diocesan Missions, \$9. Total, \$346 25. Church, 1; Sittings, 200; Value, \$3000. Rectory, 1; Value, \$1000.

MADISON COUNTY, *Chapel of the Cross*—Including unorganized Mission at Madison Station—The Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D., Rector.

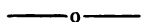
Families, 15; Souls, 100; Baptisms: Infants, 10; Communicants: Received, 3; Removed, 1; Present Number, 21; Marriages, 1; Burials, 4; Holy Communion, every holy day except two Sundays monthly. Contributions: Communion Alms, about \$50; Episcopate, \$40; Contingent \$5; Miscellaneous, \$200. Churches, 2; Sittings, 200, 150; Value, \$6000.

MACON, *Church of the Nativity*—The Rev. G. W. S. Ayres, Rector.

Families, 18; Souls, 77; Baptisms: Infants, 1; Adults, 1; Confirmations, 3; Communicants: Received, 3; Admitted, 3; Removed, 1; Suspended, 5; Present Number, 41. Public Services, Sundays, 44; Other Days, 45. Holy Communion, times, 6. Sunday-school: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 35. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$21 95; Rector's Salary, \$216 70; Expenses, \$25; Miscellaneous, \$5; Episcopate, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$13 70; Sunday-school, \$4 25; Sunday-school to Rectory fund, \$40; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$2 40; Jewish Mission, \$1; Improvement of Church Property, \$390 25; Total, \$763 95. Church, 1; Sittings, 200; Value, \$2500.

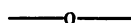
MERIDIAN, Church of the Mediator—The Rev. Wm. Cross, Rector.

Families, 41; Souls 175; Baptisms: Infants, 15; Adults, 2; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Received, 12; Added, 15; Removed, 10; Died, 3; Suspended, 1; Present number, 78. Burials, 3; Public Services: Sundays, 96; Other Days, 98; Holy Communion, times, 32. Sunday-school: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 168. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$40 35; Rector's Salary, \$800; Expense, \$70; Miscellaneous, \$23 25; Episcopate, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$28 45. Miscellaneous Expense, \$12; Jewish Missions, \$3 65; Total, \$1052 70. Church, 1; Value, \$3500.



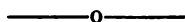
NATCHEZ, Trinity Church—The Rev. Alex. Marks, Rector.

Families, 136; Souls, 575; Baptisms: Infants, 32; Adults, 6. Confirmations, 31; Communicants: Received, 7; Admitted, 16; Removed, 16; Died, 6; Withdrawn, 3; Present Number, 226; Marriages, 9; Burials, 16; Public Services: Sundays, 135; Other Days, 146; Holy Communion, times, Public, 27; Private, 1. Sunday-school: Teachers, 15; Scholars, 117; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$110; Rector's Salary, \$2566 66; Parish Expenses, \$802 46; Miscellaneous, \$8011 60; Episcopate, \$644 25; Diocesan Missions, \$96 75; Miscellaneous expense, \$83 58. Missions without the Diocese, \$47 90 Total, \$12,403 35; Church, 1; Sitings 600; Value, 5,000; Rectory, Value, \$9000; Other Property, \$2500. Debt, \$1000.



NEW TOWN, Chapel of the Holy Communion—Mission—The Rev. E. C. Laughlin, Jr., Missionary.

Families, 8; Baptisms: Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Communicants: Present number, 10; Burials, 3; Holy Communion, times, 3. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$26 40; Expense, 3; Episcopate, \$20; Diocesan Missions, \$4; Domestic Missions, \$4; Disabled Clergy, \$4; Jewish Missions, 1; Nashotah, \$5; Sewanee, \$5. Church, 1; Sitings, 120; Value, \$500.



WASS CHRISTIAN, Trinity Church—The Rev. D. G. Lewis, acting Rector.

Families, 30; Souls, 110; Baptisms: Infants, 15; Adults, 2; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Received, 10; Admitted, 17; Removed, 4; Died, 3; Present Number, 50; Marriages, 6; Burials, 15; Public Services: each

Sunday and Holy Day. Holy Communion, once each month and principal Holy Days. Sunday-school: Teachers, 11, Scholars, 65; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$80; Minister's Salary, \$800; Expenses Sunday-school \$100, Miscellaneous \$1100. Episcopate, \$130; Diocesan Missions, \$21; Miscellaneous, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$8; Total, \$24 29.

PORT GIBSON, *St. James*—The Rev. Nowell Logan, Rector.

Families, 36; Souls, 130; Baptisms: Infants, 9; Confirmations, 15; Communicants: Admitted, 12; Removed, 9; Died, 2; Present Number, 48; Burials, 5; Public Services: Sundays, 75; Other Days, 50; Holy Communion, times, 15; Sunday-school: Teachers, 6, Scholars, 33; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$37 58; Rector's Salary, \$500; Expense, \$89; Miscellaneous, \$765 16; Episcopate, \$50; Diocesan Missions, \$9 10; Expense, \$10; Total \$1467 34. No Church building, Rectory value \$1500, other property \$125.

To this Parish belongs St. Paul's Mission, Grand Gulf: Families, 8; Souls, 30; Baptisms: Infants, 2; Adults, 2; Confirmations, 6; Communicants, 10; Marriage, 1.

ROLLING FORK—Mission—The Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D., Missionary.

Monthly services lately revived. Baptisms: Infants, 2; Communicants, about 12.

SARDIS, *Redeemer*—The Rev. E. Hamvasy, LL.D., Rector.

Families, 6; Souls, 22; Communicants: Received, 6; Present Number, 16; Burials, 2; Public Services, Sundays, 62. Holy Communion, times, 7. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$27 45; Rector's Salary, \$179 40; Diocesan Missions, 1 45. Total, \$208 30. Churches, 1; Sitzings, 150; Value, \$3000.

SUMMIT, *Christ Church*—The Rev. U. B. Bowden, Rector.

Families, 13; Souls, 49; Baptisms: Infant, 1; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Removed, 5; Died, 1; Present Number, 13; Marriage, 1; Burials, 5; Public Services: Sundays, 22; Other Days, 13. Holy Communion: times, 12; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$5; Rector's Salary, \$125. Church, 1; Sitzings, 200; Value, \$2000.

TERRY, *The Church of the Good Shepherd*—The Rev. U. B. Bowden, Rector.

Families, 10; Souls, 48; Confirmations, 1; Communicants: Removed, 2; Present Number, 19; Marriage, 1; Burials, 1; Public Services: Sundays, 79; Holy Communion, times, 15; Sunday-school: 1; Teachers, 4; Scholars, 30. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$18; Rector's Salary, \$197 50; Episcopate, \$30; Contingent, \$5; Bishop Green Fund, \$20; Church, 1; Sitings, 100; Value, \$2000.

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VAIDEN, *St. Clement's Church*—The Rev. Wm. P. Browne, Rector.

Families, 8; Souls, 33; Baptisms: Infants 2; Adults, 2; Communicants; Present Number, 14; Burials, 3; Public Services: Sundays, 95; Other Days, 15; Holy Communion, times, 16. Sunday-school: Teachers, 4; Scholars, 15; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$13 15; Sunday-school, \$10 50. Expenses \$730 95; Miscellaneous; \$754 60; Episcopate, \$20; Contingent \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$5 15; Church, 1; Sitings 150; Value, \$2000.

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VICKSBURG, *Church of the Holy Trinity*—The Rt. Rev. W. F. Adams D. D., Rector.

Families 75; Souls, 300; Baptisms: Infants, 25; Adults, 5; Confirmations, 20; Communicants: Received, 4; Admitted, 10; Removed, 9; Died, 2; Present Number, 133; Marriages, 8; Burials, 19; Public Services: Sunday, 104; Other Days, 115; Holy Communion, times, Public, 17; Private, 2; Sunday-school: Teachers, 5; Scholars, 75. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$298 75. Parish Expenses, \$5264 45; Bishop Green Fund \$28 05; Diocesan Missions, 30; Foreign Missions, \$100; Church, 1; Chapel, 1.

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VICKSBURG, *Christ Church*—The Rev. H. Sansom, D.D., Rector.

Families, 130; Souls, 510; Baptisms: Infants, 21; Adults, 12; Confirmations, 19; Communicants: Received, 2; Admitted, 18; Removed, 7; Died, 4; Withdrawn and Dropped, 5; Present Number, 170; Marriages, 9; Burials, 24; Public Services: Sundays, 93; Other Days, 136; Holy Communion, times: Public, 21; Private, 4; Sunday-school: Teachers, 20; Scholars, 190. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$106; Rector's Salary, \$1500; Expenses, \$230 31. Sunday-school Offering, \$675; Episcopate: Bishop Green Fund, \$540; Assessments, \$200; Contingent, \$25; Diocesan Missions, \$43 50; Domestic Missions, \$10; University of the South, \$13 50; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$9 50; Foreign Missions, \$10; Jewish Missions, \$2 50; Total \$3,364 31. Church, 1; Sitings, 400; Value, \$20,000; Rectory, Value, \$6000.

In addition to amount here stated, \$42 10, contributed to General Missions by this Parish, was lost through a bank failure.

WEST POINT—Mission—The Rev. G. W. S. Ayres, Missionary.

Families, 10; Souls, 30; Baptisms: Infants, 1; Confirmations, 4; Communicants: Received, 2; Added, 4; Removed, 5; Present Number, 16. Public Services: Sundays, 9; Other Days, 1. Sunday-school: Teachers, 1; Scholars, 10. Contributions: Missions, 65; Rector's Salary, \$27 65; Expenses, \$15; Miscellaneous, \$5; Total, \$48 30.

The Missionary entered upon his duties at this point in January last.

WINONA, Immanuel Church—The Rev. W. P. Browne, Rector.

Families, 18; Souls, 63; Baptisms: Infants, 3; Adults, 3; Confirmations, 6; Communicants: Received, 3; Admitted, 3; Removed, 3; Present Number, 23; Marriages, 3; Burials, 3; Public Services: Sundays, 100; Other Days, 61. Holy Communion, times: Public, 16; Private, 1. Sunday-school: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$43 35; Parish Expenses, \$918 55; Sunday-school Offering, \$19 09; Episcopate, \$35; Diocesan Missions, \$8 80. Contingent Fund, \$6; Prayer Books, \$20; Total, \$1050 79. Church, 1; Sitzings, 200; Value, \$5000. Rectory, \$1000. Other Property, \$300.

WOODVILLE, St. Paul's Church—The Rev. J. W. Turner, Rector.

Families, 52; Souls, 200; Baptisms: Infants, 23; Adults, 4; Communicants: Received, 1; Admitted, 9; Removed, 1; Died, 3; Present Number, 74; Marriages, 4; Burials, 13; Public Services: Sundays, 103; Other Days, 26; Holy Communion, times, Public, 16; Private, 10; Sunday-schools, 2; Teachers, 14; Scholars, 77. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$4 50; Rector's Salary, \$800; Parish Expense, \$214 39; Miscellaneous, \$204 62; Episcopate, \$133 33; Diocesan Missions, \$27 00 Expense, \$8 65; Domestic Missions, \$7 32; Foreign, \$4 33. Miscellaneous Expense, \$11 35; Total, \$1415 49. Church, 1; Sitzings, 240; Value, \$4500; Rectory, Value, \$1500; Other Property, \$1000.

YAZOO CITY, Trinity Church—The Rev. W. C. McCracken, Rector.

Families, 41; Souls, 170; Baptisms: Infants, 6; Confirmations, 8; Communicants: Received, 1; Admitted, 3; Removed, 3; Died, 5; Present Number, 43; Marriages, 3; Burials, 15; Public Services: Sundays, 104; Other Days, 80. Holy Communion, times, 20; Sunday-school: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 67; Contributions: Communion Alms, \$27; Rector's Salary, \$1000. Parish Expenses, \$282 10; Miscellaneous, \$191; Episcopate, \$75; Diocesan Missions, \$26 40; Expenses, \$10; Church, 1; Sitzings, 200; Value, \$5000.

There are 38 other Communicants who do not commune.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee reports, recommending for adoption the following roll of Assessments to be laid on the several Parishes and Mission Stations, for the support of the Episcopate, and the Contingent fund, for the ensuing year:

| | EPISCOP' TE | CONTING' NT |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aberdeen | 110 00 | 11 00 |
| Bay St. Louis | 44 00 | 4 40 |
| Biloxi..... | 55 00 | 5 50 |
| Bolton | 33 00 | 3 30 |
| Bovina | 33 00 | 3 30 |
| Brandon | 17 00 | 1 70 |
| Brookhaven | 6 00 | 1 00 |
| Canton..... | 66 00 | 6 60 |
| Carrollton | 17 00 | 1 70 |
| Church Hill..... | 44 00 | 4 40 |
| Clinton | 17 00 | 1 70 |
| Columbus | 165 00 | 16 50 |
| Como | 44 00 | 4 40 |
| Corinth..... | 6 00 | 1 00 |
| Crystal Springs..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| Dry Grove | 10 00 | 1 00 |
| Early Grove | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| Enterprise..... | 39 00 | 3 90 |
| reenville | 110 00 | 11 00 |
| reenwood..... | 22 00 | 2 20 |
| renada..... | 83 00 | 8 30 |
| azlehurst | 22 00 | 2 20 |
| ernando..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| olly Springs..... | 72 00 | 7 20 |
| sa | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| kson..... | 292 00 | 29 20 |
| nsonville.. | 6 00 | 1 00 |
| kwood..... | 6 00 | 1 00 |
| ar | 17 00 | 1 70 |
| ington..... | 33 00 | 3 30 |
| ison County..... | 44 00 | 4 40 |
| olia..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| on | 44 00 | 4 40 |
| umb..... | 33 00 | 3 30 |
| lian | 83 00 | 8 30 |
| issippi..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| ez..... | 352 00 | 35 20 |
| wn..... | 17 00 | 1 70 |
| ia | 6 00 | 1 00 |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE—CONTINUED.

| | EPISCOP'LE | CONTING'NT |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Ozyska..... | \$6 03 | \$1 00 |
| Oxford..... | 55 00 | 5 50 |
| Pass Christian..... | 83 00 | 8 30 |
| Port Gibson..... | 55 00 | 5 50 |
| Rolling Fork..... | 28 00 | 2 80 |
| Raymond..... | 28 00 | 2 80 |
| Rosedale..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| Sardis..... | 28 00 | 2 80 |
| Scooba..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| Summit..... | 22 00 | 2 20 |
| St. Elmo..... | 22 00 | 2 20 |
| Terry..... | 33 00 | 3 30 |
| Vaiden..... | 6 00 | 1 00 |
| Vicksburg, Christ Church..... | 220 00 | 25 00 |
| Vicksburg, Holy Trinity..... | 292 00 | 29 20 |
| Water Valley..... | 6 00 | 1 00 |
| West Point..... | 11 00 | 1 10 |
| Winona..... | 44 00 | 4 40 |
| Woodville..... | 110 00 | 11 00 |
| Yazoo City..... | 83 00 | 8 30 |
| Trustees E. F. & C. P..... | 200 00 | 20 00 |

Resolved, That the assessment list here reported be adopted as the assessment for the ensuing year.

In obedience to the resolution of instruction from the Council, directing the Finance Committee to arrange for borrowing money from the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, to pay the indebtedness of the Diocese to the Assistant Bishop, the committee reports the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and he is hereby instructed to borrow six hundred dollars from the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, paying interest therefor at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, for the purpose of paying the amount due the Assistant Bishop on his salary to date.

The committee have considered the resolution offered by the collector of the Bishop Green Fund and beg leave to report that in their judgment the proposed change is inexpedient.

The Committee also offers the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund be directed to pay the Treasurer of the General Convention the balance due from this Diocese.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese and the collector of the Bishop Green Fund, be authorized to make such settlements with delinquent Parishes and subscribers as in their judgement may seem best.

The Committee are of opinion that contingent expenses may be reduced by condensing the matter of the Journal and to this end they would recommend that the Parochial Reports be printed in tabular form only.

Your Committee have examined the report of the Treasurer, and are glad to note that so many parishes have duplicated the contributions lost by the bank failure, and they feel confident that the diligent and well directed efforts of the Treasurer will soon place the Finances of the Diocese on a substantial basis while the Committee on Finance recognize the fact that their duty confines them mainly to figures, they cannot refrain from congratulating the Diocese upon the evident increase in love of the church manifested in readiness to respond to the extraordinary demands of the Diocese, under the peculiarly unfortunate condition of its monetary affairs. They beg to impress upon the clergy and laity that God has promised that His blessings shall be poured out without stint upon such as recognize His claims, and with the reminder that they are asking for God's service and for the glory of His Holy Name they submit this report.

[Signed.]

MELVILLE M. MOORE.

Chairman.

*A Statement from the Report of Geo. M. Klein,
Esq., the former Treasurer.*

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To collections on account of Bishop's Salary from April 16th, to Nov. 21, 1883,..... | \$411 25 |
| To balance collections on account of the Bishop Green Fund, after paying two quarters salary, (\$750 00)..... | 617 35 |
| To balance auxiliary fund,..... | 188 75 |
| To Orphan Asylum Fund,..... | 1993 60 |

The total amount of Diocesan funds in my hands at the time
of the failure of the Mississippi Valley Bank was..... \$3210 95

So soon as my business affairs assume such shape that I can possibly do
so I will pay to the Diocese the amount which I owe to it, both as a banker
and its Treasurer.

Signed.

GEO. M. KLEIN,
Treasurer.

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*A Statement from the Report of L. M. Tucker,
Treasurer, to May 7, 1884.*

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| To cash received from Parishes on Assessments..... | \$2198 95 |
| " " " " private Subscriptions..... | 17 00 |
| " " " " St. John's, Aberdeen..... | 30 00 |
| " " " " Auxiliary Fund, Natchez,..... | 67 25 |
| " " " " Natchez, acc't deficiencies, | 80 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2393 20 |
| By remitted to Whitney National Bank,..... | 900 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance.... | \$1493 20 |

*A Statement from the Report of the Collector
of the Bishop Green Fund.*

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The Rev. Melville M. Moore, Oxford.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| For 1883, To subscriptions and donations collected, | \$1866 80 |
| By cash to G. M. Klein, Treasurer..... | \$1517 35 |
| " " Green's Bank,..... | 200 00 |
| " " Expense acc't | 54 59 |
| " " Paid Bishop Green... .. | 80 00 |
| " " Balance to Dr..... | 14 86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1866 80 |
| For 1884. To balance cash brought down | 14 86 |
| " Donations and subscriptions collected,..... | 1136 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1150 86 |
| By cash to Bishop Green..... | \$1045 00 |
| " " Expense acc't..... | 18 27 |
| " " Error in remittance..... | 20 00 |
| " " On hand to balance..... | 67 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1150 86 |
| May 7, 1884. | |
| To cash brought down..... | \$67 59 |
| " " Publishers of the Living Church,..... | 516 41 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$584 00 |

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*Statement from the Report of Mr. P. P. Bailey.
Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.*

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| To balance cash last report..... | \$203 66 |
| " cash on assessments,..... | 97 80 |
| " " " acc't General Convention..... | 42 98 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$344 28 |
| By cash paid Diocesan Journal and Stamps..... | \$227 11 |
| " " " acct' General Convention..... | 38 46 |
| " " " Geo. C. Harris, bal. Contingent..... | 74 35 |
| " " " " " " " General Convention, | 4 36 |
| | <hr/> |
| 8 | \$344 28 |

*To the Council of the Protestant Episcopal
Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

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The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, respectfully report, that they met on April 16th, 1883, and elected G. D. Sidway, President, and Peter P. Bailey, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

On August the 20th, the Board met, and ordered the Treasurer to remit four hundred and twenty-five dollars, to Rev. M. M. Moore and Mr. P. H. Skipwith, of Oxford, who were a committee duly appointed by the Assistant Bishop, to receive and use such funds in paying for improvements on the residence at that place, occupied by the Assistant Bishop.

The Board having learned that a portion of the Church Property at Dry Grove had been sold for the non-payment of taxes, have investigated or inquired into the matter, and hope to be able to recover that property on the ground of a void sale.

The Board have caused the lands lying in West Jackson, belonging to the Diocese, to be laid off into suitable building lots, and are now offering them for sale, under the authority given by resolution of the last Council.

The Board respectfully refer the Council to the report of their Treasurer, herewith submitted, for an account of the receipts and disbursements of funds during the last year, and also for a statement of funds and securities now held by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. BAILEY,
Secretary for the Board.

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The following is an abstract of the report of the Treasurer, Mr. P. P. Bailey:

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| To cash on hand last report..... | \$1000 75 |
| " " from various sources..... | 763 72 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1764 47 |
| By cash disbursed as per vouchers herewith..... | \$744 00 |
| " " on hand, | 1020 47 |
| | <hr/> |
| May 7, 1884. | \$1764 47 |

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The following is a Statement of the Bishop's Residence Fund, Mr. P. P. Bailey, Treasurer:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| To bal. as per last report..... | \$901 64 |
| " cash for rent and interest, | 148 74 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1050 38 |

*List of Pledges to Diocesan Missions for the
ensuing year.*

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| NAMES. | AMOUNT. | NAMES. | AMOUNT. |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------|
| Aberdeen, St. John's..... | \$100 00 | Port Gibson..... | \$25 00 |
| Sunday-school..... | 5 00 | Raymond..... | 10 00 |
| Brandon, St. Luke's..... | 25 00 | Rolling Fork, Mission... | 25 00 |
| Bay St. Louis, Grace.... | 50 00 | Ripley, St. John's..... | 5 00 |
| Biloxi, Redeemer..... | 75 00 | Sardis, Redeemer..... | 5 00 |
| Bolton, St. Mary's..... | 15 00 | Scooba, Grace..... | 10 00 |
| Bovina, St. Alban's..... | 5 00 | St. Elmo, Epiphany..... | 10 00 |
| Canton, Grace..... | 75 00 | Summit, Christ Ch..... | 10 00 |
| Clinton, St. Matthew.... | 5 00 | Terry, Good Shepherd... | 20 00 |
| Church Hill, Christ Ch.. | 10 00 | Vaiden, St. Clement's... | 25 00 |
| Columbus, St. Paul's..... | 100 00 | Vicksburg, Holy Trinity | 150 00 |
| Sunday-school..... | 5 00 | Vicksburg, Christ Ch.... | 100 00 |
| Como, Holy Innocents.. | 5 00 | Water Valley, Nativity.. | 5 00 |
| Enterprise, St. Mary's... | 15 00 | West Point..... | 10 00 |
| Sunday-school..... | 5 00 | Winona, Immanuel..... | 20 00 |
| Grenada, All Saint's..... | 50 00 | Woodville, St. Paul's..... | 40 00 |
| Grand Gulf, St. Paul's.. | 5 00 | Sunday-school..... | 5 00 |
| Holy Springs, Christ Ch | 50 00 | Yazoo City, Trinity..... | 25 00 |
| Iuka, Our Saviour..... | 10 00 | | |
| Jackson, St. Andrew's.. | 150 00 | Personal. | |
| Macon, Nativity..... | 50 00 | Rt. Rev. Bish Thompson | 50 00 |
| Madison Co., Cha. of Cr. | 50 00 | Rev. Wm. Short..... | 10 00 |
| Magnolia, Redeemer..... | 10 00 | Rev. U. B. Bowden..... | 5 00 |
| McComb, Mediator..... | 25 00 | Rev. G. L. Neide..... | 5 00 |
| Meridian, Mediator..... | 50 00 | Q. O. Eckford..... | 5 00 |
| Sunday-school..... | 50 00 | G. A. Evans..... | 5 00 |
| Aid Society..... | 25 00 | C. H. Cocke..... | 5 00 |
| Natchez, Trinity..... | 50 00 | W. Winston.....Cash | 10 00 |
| Sunday-school..... | 200 00 | Cash, anonymous..... | 10 00 |
| Okolona..... | 5 00 | Mrs. L. M. Tucker, cash | 5 00 |
| Oxford, St. Peter's..... | 50 00 | | |
| Pass Christian, Trinity.. | 50 00 | | |

STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE.

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|-----------------------------------------|------|
| Clergy Canonically resident..... | 31 |
| Churches and Chapels..... | 47 |
| Rectories..... | 18 |
| Clergymen Received..... | 8 |
| " Transferred..... | 3 |
| Candidates for Holy Orders..... | 5 |
| Parishes in union with the Council..... | 45 |
| Mission Stations..... | 19 |
| Baptisms..... | 325 |
| Confirmations..... | 229 |
| Communicants..... | 2512 |
| Marriages..... | 65 |
| Burials..... | 183 |
| Sunday-Schools—Teachers..... | 278 |
| Scholars..... | 2605 |

Offerings and Contributions.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| For Parochial Purposes..... | \$38,562 60 |
| " Diocesan Purposes..... | 4082 72 |
| " General Purposes..... | 684 23 |
| Total..... | \$43,319 55 |
| Personal Property belonging to the Episcopal Fund..... | 4011 83 |
| Bishop's Residence Fund..... | 1050 38 |
| Orphan Asylum Fund..... | 1993 60 |
| Amount paid to Bishop Green Fund, from the beginning..... | 3492 27 |
| Lost, through failure of the Miss. Valley Bank..... | 3210 95 |



To be Collected at Stated Times.

For DOMESTIC MISSIONS, Second Sunday in April and October, to be remitted to G. W. HOWARD, Treasurer, Vicksburg.

For ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE, First Sunday after Christmas, to be remitted to Q. O. ECKFORD, Treasurer, Aberdeen.

For THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Third Sunday in Advent, to be remitted to G. W. HOWARD, Treasurer, Vicksburg.

For JEWISH MISSIONS, Good Friday, to be remitted to the Hon. A. S. MAHER, Natchez.

One collection in each year for AGED AND INFIRM CHURCHMEN, may be in the discretion of the Rector, to be remitted to Wm. T. MALE, 135 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

To GENERAL MISSIONS, in the discretion of the Rector, to be remitted to Mr. W. BAYARD CUTTEN, 22 Bible House, N. Y. Treasurer for Domestic Missions; and to Mr. JAMES M. HENNEY, 22 Bible House, Treasurer for Foreign Missions.



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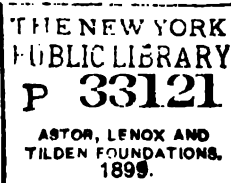
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*The Fifty-Ninth Council of the Diocese of Mississippi, is appointed
to meet in St. John's Church, Aberdeen,
Tuesday, May 17th, 1886.*

THE OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

The Council :

The Standing Committee:

The Missionary Committee:

The Deputies to the General Convention:

The Alternate Deputies:

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property:

The RT. REV. W. F. ADAMS, DD. The Rev. ALEX. MARKS.
The Rev. H. SANSOM, D.D. " GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D.

The Rev. R. G. HINSDALE, S.T.D. The Rev BENJ. HALSTEAD,
" J. T. HARGRAVE. " W. PRESBURY.

The Rev. NOWELL LOGAN.....Port Gibson.

The Rev. GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D.
Mr. E. D. FARRAR. Mr. C. H. COCKE.

Mr. L. M. TUCKER,.....Columbus.

The Treasurer of the University of the South for the
Diocese of Mississippi:

Mr. GEO. W. HOWARD..... .. Vicksburg.

The Rev. NOWELL LOGAN.....Port Gibson.

Mr. W. A. PERCY.....Greenville.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

TO SIT DURING RECESS.

On Finance:

The Rev. WM. SHORT.
Mr. JOHN RAWLE,
 " Q. O. ECKFORD

The Rev. I. N. MARKS, JR.
Mr. G. D. SIDWAY.
 " R. S. DICKSON.

Mr. L. M. TUCKER.

On Church Schools:

The Rev. R. G. HINSDALE, D.D. The Rev. JOHN T. HARGRAVE.
Mr. Q. O. ECKFORD.

**On the Proposed Alterations and Additions to the
Prayer Book:**

The RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN, D.D., LL.D.
The RT. REV. H. M. THOMPSON, S.T.D.
The RT. REV. WM. F. ADAMS, D.D.
The Rev. GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D. The Rev. A. MARKS.
Mr. FARRAR. Mr. BAILEY. Mr. ECKFORD.

On Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

The RT. REV. H. M. THOMPSON, D.D.
The RT. REV. W. F. ADAMS, D.D.
The Rev. H. SANSOM, D.D. The Rev. GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D.
Mr. P. P. BAILEY. Mr. E. D. FARRAR. Mr. J. D. SHIELDS.

On the Endowment of the Episcopate:

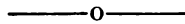
Mr. C. H. COCKE, Mr. F. SPEED. Mr. R. S. DIXON.

On Temperance:

The Rev. H. SANSOM, D.D. The Rev. WM. SHORT.
Mr. E. D. FARRAR,

The Preacher to the 59th Council:

The Rev. R. G. HINSDALE, S.T.D. The Rev. J. E. MARTIN, Alternate.



THE CONVOGATIONS:



- I. OF OXFORD—The Rev. WM. P. BROWNE, DEAN.
- II. OF JACKSON—The Rev. GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D., DEAN.
- III. OF COLUMBUS—The Rev. I. N. MARKS, JR., DEAN.
- IV. OF NATCHEZ—The Rev. ALEX. MARKS, DEAN.
- V. OF PASS CHRISTIAN—The Rev. R. G. HINSDALE, S.T.D., DEAN.

THE REVEREND CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

Such as are not entitled to seats in the Council are indicated thus, *
absentees, thus †.

THE BISHOP.

The RT. REV. WM. MERCER GREEN, D.D. LL.D., Sewanee, Tenn.

THE ASSISTANT BISHOP, ADMINISTERING.

The RT. REV. H. M. THOMPSON, D.D., *St. Peter's Cathedral*, Oxford.

The RT. REV. WM. F. ADAMS, D.D., *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity*, Vicksburg.

Priests :

The Rev. G. W. SINCLAIR AYRES, *Nativity*, Macon, and *Missionary* to West Point, P. O. Macon.

" *NELSON AYRES, *St. Mary's Church*, (colored) Vicksburg.

" †UPTON B. BOWDEN, *Missionary* McComb City, Summit, Magnolia, and Terry, P. O. McComb City.

" WM. P. BROWNE, *Immanuel*, Winona, *St. Clement's*, Vaiden P. O. Winona.

" JULIUS J. CLEMENS, Brandon, *Missionary* Brandon, Bolton, Bovina, &c.

" WM. CROSS, *St. James'*, Greenville.

" WM. W. DEHART, S.T.B., *Missionary*, Raymond.

" †CHURCHILL EASTIN, residing in Kentucky.

" †JOHN FOSTER, residing in Tennessee.

" †JOHN GORDON, *St. John's*, Early Grove.

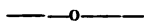
" †A. KINNEY HALL, residing in New Orleans.

" BENJ. HALSTEAD, *St. Mary's*, Lexington, and *Missionary*.

- the Rev. EMIR HAMVASY, LL.D., *Holy Innocents*, Como, and *Redeemer*, Sardis, P. O. Como.
- " JOHN T. HARGRAVE, *Christ Church*, Holly Springs.
- " GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D., *Chapel of the Cross*, Madison Co., and *Missionary* to Rolling Fork and Madison Station, P. O. Madison Station.
- " ROBT. G. HINSDALE, S.T.D., *Redeemer*, Biloxi.
- " †E. C. LAUGHLIN, *Holy Communion*, Newtown Landing.
- " EDWARD LEWIS, *Dean of St. Peters pro Cathedral*, Oxford.
- " NOWELL LOGAN, *St. James*, Port Gibson, and *Epiphany*, St. Elmo, P. O. Port Gibson.
- " ALEXANDER MARKS, *Trinity*, Natchez.
- " ISAAC N. MARKS, JR., *St. John's*, Aberdeen.
- " *JOSEPH E. MARTIN, *Grace*, Canton.
- " HENRY C. MAYER, *Trinity*, Pass Christian.
- " †WM. C. McCracken, *Trinity*, Yazoo City.
- " ROBERT H. NEIDE, *All Saints*, Grenada.
- " JAS. T. PICKETT, D.D., Holly Springs.
- " WILLARD PRESBURY, *St. Philip's*, Kirkwood.
- " HENRY SANSOM, D.D., *Christ Church*, Vicksburg.
- " WM. SHORT, *St. Andrew's*, Jackson.
- " *C. S. STARKWEATHER, *Mediator*, Meridian.
- " *HENRY HOBART TENBROECK, *Grace*, Carrollton, *Nativity*, Greenwood.
- " T. R. B. TRADER, residing in Maryland.
- " J. W. TURNER, *St. Paul's*, Woodville.
- " ARTHUR N. WRIXON, *Missionary* at Luka, Corinth and Ripley.

Deacons.

- the Rev. GEO. L. NEIDE, *Missionary*, P. O. Waveland.
- " J. L. LANCASTER, Columbus.



Candidates for Holy Orders :

- Mr. JOHN AUGUSTUS HARRIS. Mr. MALACHI PEGUES.
- Mr. J. L. LANCASTER.

NOTE—Mr. Lancaster received Deacons Orders on the Sunday following the session of the Council, and is serving at St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

THE PARISHES

ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL, WITH THE NAMES OF THE
DELEGATES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

ABERDEEN—*St. John's*,
Q. O. Eckford.

BRANDON—*St. Luke's*.

BAY ST. LOUIS—*Grace*.

BOVINA—*St. Alban's*.

BILOXI—*Redeemer*.

BOLTON—*St. Mary's*.

CANTON—*Grace*.

CARROLLTON—*Grace*.

CLINTON—*St. Matthew's*.

COMO—*Holy Innocents*.

COLUMBUS—*St. Paul's*.

L. M. Tucker.

CHURCH HILL—*Christ Church*,
J. S. Johnston.

EARLY GROVE—*St. John's*.

EDWARDS—*St. Ambrose*.

ENTERPRISE—*St. Mary's*.

GREENWOOD—*Nativity*.

GRENADA—*All Saints*.

GREENVILLE—*St. James'*.

W. A. Percy.

J. J. McNeily.

HAZLEHURST—*St. Stephen's*.

HOLLY SPRINGS—*Christ Church*.

JACKSON—*St. Andrew's*.

P. P. Bailey.

G. D. Sidway.

W. S. Hamilton.

KIRKWOOD—*St. Philip's*.

LAMAR—*St. Andrew's*.

LEXINGTON—*St. Mary's*,

MADISON Co.—*Chapel of the Cross*,
Wm. Britton.

MACON—*Nativity*.

MERIDIAN—*Mediator*.

NATCHEZ—*Trinity*.

J. D. Shields.

John Rawle.

F. M. Swan.

OKOLONA—*Grace*.

OXFORD—*St. Peter's Cathedral*.

J. S. Wheelless.

PASS CHRISTIAN—*Trinity*.

PORT GIBSON—*St. James'*.

W. W. Moore.

RAYMOND—*St. Mark's*.

ROSEDALE—*Grace*.

SARDIS—*Redeemer*.

ST. ELMO—*Epiphany*.

SUMMIT—*Christ Church*.

TERRY—*Good Shepherd*.

W. H. Fitzhugh.

VAIDEN—*St. Clement's*.

VICKSBURG—*Christ Church*,

E. D. Earrar.

Frederic Speed.

Albert M. Lea.

VICKSBURG—*Holy Trinity*,

G. W. Howard.

Murray F. Smith.

WATER VALLEY—*Nativity*.

WINONA—*Immanuel*.

WOODTILLE—*St. Paul's*.

YAZOO CITY—*Trinity*.

MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

BATENVILLE—*St. Stephen's*.

BROOKHAVEN—*Redeemer*.

CORINTH—*Christ Church*.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS—*Trinity*.

DRY GROVE—*Holy Comforter*.

GRAND GULF—*St. Paul's*.

HERNANDO—*Ascension*.

LUKA—*Our Savior*.

LAKE WASHINGTON—*St. John's*.

MCCOMB CITY—*Mediator*.

MAGNOLIA—*Redeemer*.

MISSISSIPPI CITY—*St. Mark's*.

NEWTOWN—*Holy Communion*.

OSYKA—*Our Savior*.

RIPLEY—*St. John's*.

RODNEY—

ROLLING FORK—

SHUQUALAK—*Messiah*.

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TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ, }
Wednesday, May 6, 1885. }

The Fifty-Eight Council of the Diocese of Mississippi convened in this Church, this day at half-past ten o'clock.

Morning Prayer and Litany were said and the Holy Communion celebrated, the Assistant Bishop being the Celebrant, and the Rev. Wm. Short, of Jackson, preacher of the Council sermon.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, present in the city was debarred attendance at the opening of the session by rain falling at that hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop took the chair and called the Assembly to order.

The Clergy Roll being called, a majority of whole number were found to be present.

The chair appointed as the committee on Credentials of Lay delegates, the Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr., the Rev. Wm. Cross and the Rev. Dr. Sansom, whose report, as such committee, was submitted shortly thereafter.

The roll reported by this Committee being called and it appearing that eleven Parishes were represented the chair declared the Council ready for business.

On motion of Mr. Shields, the rule was suspended and the former Secretary was re-elected, *viva voce*. The Secretary announced the appointment of Mr. D. P. Porter, as Assistant Secretary. The Rev. Nowell Logan taking the duty in Mr. Porter's absence.

The Chair announced the Standing Committees of the Council as follows:

On the State of the Church—The Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. E. Lewis, the Rev. B. Halstead, the Rev. R. H. Neide, the Rev. W. P. Browne, Mr. C. H. Cocke and Mr. Q. O. Eckford.

On New Parishes—The Rev. A. Marks, the Rev. T. Hargrave and Mr. Frederic Speed.

On Finance—The Rev. Wm. Short, the Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr., Mr. Q. O. Eckford, Mr. G. D. Sidway, Mr. R. D. Dixon, Mr. L. M. Tucker and Mr. John Rawle.

On the Constitution and Canons—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams, the Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. E. Lewis, Mr. P. P. Bailey, Mr. J. D. Shields, and Mr. E. D. Farrar.

On Diocesan Schools—The Rev. Dr. Hinsdale, the Rev. J. T. Hargrave and Mr. Q. O. Eckford.

On Unfinished Business—The Rev. Wm. Cross, Mr. Frederic Speed and Mr. Wm. Britton.

On motion of Rev. A. Marks it was—

Resolved, That Clergyman of this Diocese not entitled to seats, visiting Clergyman from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders be invited to honorary seats.

Mr. J. L. Lancaster, Candidate for Holy Orders, accepted the courtesy, and subsequently the Rev. Nelson Ayres and the Rev. H. H. TenBroeck, of this Diocese, were seated under this resolution.

Mr. Shields moved to repeal so much of Canon XIV. as requires the Treasurer of the Diocese to give bond, and so much of Canon XV, as requires the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, to give bond. The motion was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion of Rev. A. Marks it was—

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the Council begin at half-past nine o'clock A. M., and end at half-past four o'clock with recess of one-half hour beginning at one o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Shields the Order of Business was suspended, and the Council proceeded to the election by ballot of Diocesan Officers; this election resulted as follows:

The Standing Committee—CLERICAL—H. Sansom, D.D., A. Marks and Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D. LAY—P. P. Bailey and Geo. W. Howard, M.D.

The Treasurer of the Diocese—Mr. L. M. Tucker.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property—Mr. Q. O. Eckford, Mr. G. D. Sidway, and Mr. A. M. Lea.

The Ecclesiastical Court—The Rev. M. Halstead, the Rev. Dr. Hinsdale, the Rev. Mr. Presbury and the Rev. Mr. Hargrave.

The Deputies to the General Convention—CLERICAL—H. Sansom, D.D., A. Marks, Wm. Short, N. Logan. LAY—P. P. Bailey, E. D. Farrar, C. H. Cocke, Frederic Speed.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons, appointed at the last Council, was made the special order for to-morrow at half-past one o'clock.

*The Treasurer of the Diocese submitted his Report, which on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

*The Treasurer of the Council submitted his report which on his motion was referred to the same Committee.

The Council adjourned until half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

*N. B. These reports are summarized in the Report of the Finance Committee, *quid vide*.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 7, 1885.

The Council met at half-past nine o'clock. After Morning Prayer, the house was called to order by the venerable Bishop of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop being also present on his left.

The roll was called, and the minutes approved.

The Bishop read his Annual Address.

On motion of the Rev. A. Marks it was—

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the notification of proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer be referred

to a special committee which with the Bishop and Assistant Bishop should be charged with the duty of considering the whole matter and report to the next Council.

The Secretary laid before the Council official copies of the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer and Book Annexed, covering formal notification of the same to this Council by the Secretary of the House of Deputies, of the General Convention.

The Assistant Bishop read his third Annual Address.

On motion of Mr. Farrar it was—

Resolved, That that portion of the Assistant Bishop's Address relating to the work among the colored people be referred to a Special Committee.

The Chair appointed as such Committee, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Eckford and Mr. Lea, the Rev. Nelson Ayres, the Rev. J. W. Turner, the Rev. H. C. Mayer.

Mr. W. A. Percy and Mr. Murray F. Smith, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

On motion of Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams, it was—

Resolved, That so much of the Assistant Bishop's Address as relates to abandoned Church Property, be referred to the Committee on Church Property.

On motion of the Rev. A. Marks, it was—

Resolved, That the portion of the Assistant Bishop's Address relating to the General Missions of the church be referred to a Special Committee.

The Chair appointed as such Committee the Rev. A. Marks, the Rev. H. C. Mayer and the Rev. Nelson Ayres.

On motion of Mr. Shields it was—

Resolved, That the Address of the Assistant Bishop be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, with instructions to apportion to appropriate Committees the several matters therein contained, not otherwise disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Shields, it was

Resolved, That the amendment to Article III, of the Constitution, proposed at the last Council, and approved on page 24, of the printed copy of the Journal of 1884, be and the same is hereby adopted.

The Rev. A. Marks presented invitation from Mrs. Kountz to the members of this Council, for Friday evening, at her house, to pay respects to the venerable Bishop of the Diocese.

'On motion of Mr. Shields, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business be made the Special Order for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Sansom submitted the report of the Committee on Temperance, appointed at the last Council.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee desire to say, first of all, that they heartily sympathize with our venerable and beloved Bishop in the sentiments he addressed to our last Diocesan Council, in relation to "the *cause of Temperance on Scriptural grounds*," in which the Church of England, and a great portion of our own Church is taking much interest, and accomplishing great good.

It is a fact that one of the most gigantic evils of our age is *Intemperance* in the use of intoxicating drinks. It is only two or three years ago, that Mr. Gladstone made the statement in the British Parliament, that "intemperate drinking had been a curse more terrible, because more continuous, than war, pestilence, and famine combined." It is this terrific evil that the Church has to meet, and subdue.

It was under a deep sense of this responsibility, that some twelve or fifteen years ago, the Church of England realized the need of more vigorous and systematic effort against this evil. Accordingly, in the year 1873, a Society was organized under the name of "The Church of England Temperance Society," having for its object, "the promotion of Temperance,—the reformation of the intemperate,—and the removal of causes which lead to intemperance."

From the time of its organization, this Society seems to have been favored with the Divine blessing, and its efforts have been attended with encouraging success. Recent returns from twenty-five Dioceses of that Church show that 4000 of the Clergy are total abstainers, and that the membership is not less than 350,000.

Some years ago, a few earnest, and zealous clergymen of our own Church who had been watching with deep interest this work of Temperance in the Church of England, and observing how signally it had been blessed in its operations, became deeply impressed with the conviction of the necessity for such a Society in connection with the Church in America. The result was that in the year 1881, a Society was formed under the title of "The Church Temperance Society," working on a basis similar to that of "the Church of England," and in the language of its Constitution, "recognizing Temperance as the law of the Gospel, and total abstinence as a rule of expediency in certain cases,—and fully and freely according to every man

the right to decide in the exercise of his Christian liberty, whether or not he will adopt said rule. This Society lays down as the basis on which it rests, and from which its work shall be conducted, a union and co-operation on equal terms for the promotion of Temperance, between those who use moderately, and those who entirely abstain from intoxicating drinks as beverages."

Here we have an organization, on a Scriptural basis, and having a Constitution which forms a platform so broad, that all who desire the suppression of intemperance can stand upon it, and work for that object. It is founded in the spirit of that large-hearted toleration and charity which was taught by St. Paul,—“Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind,”—“Who art thou that judgest another man’s servant?” and whether we believe in moral suasion, or prohibition;—in the moderate use of beverages that will intoxicate, or total abstinence from them,—“on this basis of union and co-operation, on equal terms, all temperate men may, if they will, unite, and work against their one common enemy—Intemperance.

It only remains for your Committee, in conclusion, to respectfully offer the following preamble and resolutions for the adoption of this Council.

Whereas, The Society known as “The Church Temperance Society,” is making vigorous effort to extend itself into every Diocese and Missionary jurisdiction, and calls earnestly upon the members of the Church to unite and co-operate in this Christian work; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Council hereby expresses cordial approval of the principles, and mode of operation of “The Church Temperance Society,” and believe that the adjustment of effort to the varying convictions of men, cannot fail to be productive of permanent good.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend, the organization as early as practicable, of a Diocesan Society, and of Parochial Societies, to co-operate with the parent Society in its efforts to suppress the great evil of Intemperance.

H. SANSOM,
E. D. FARRAR,
WM. SHORT.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted and the Committee continued to the next Council.

On motion of the Rev. A. Marks, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee on Temperance be requested to take steps for the organization, during the session of this Council, of a Diocesan Branch of the Church Temperance Society.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams submitted a special report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred Mr. Shield's resolution respecting the Bonds of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, beg leave to report: That in their judgment the bond of the Treasurer of the Diocese should be reduced to one thousand dollars, and the bond of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property should be fixed, for the present, at five thousand dollars—therefore,

Resolved, That section 3, of Canon XV, as the same appears amended on page seventeen of the printed copy of the Journal of 1884, be further amended to conform to this recommendation that \$5,000 be substituted for \$10,000.

Resolved, That the amendment to Canon XVI, on the same page, be further amended so as to require the Treasurer of the Diocese to give bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, instead of five thousand.

The Resolutions were adopted, and Canon XIV and XV are so amended.

Mr. A. M. Lea submitted the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property—which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Diocese of Mississippi respectfully report, as follows:

In the matter of the sale of a portion of the Church Property at Dry Grove for taxes, the Board ascertained that it had been purchased by one Caspar, who offered to surrender his title for the sum of forty dollars, the amount paid by him at the tax sale. While the Board were satisfied that this sale was erroneously made they found that a suit in equity would be necessary to clear the title: and they deemed it advisable to compromise the matter by the payment of said sum, which was done and the Trustees received from Caspar a quit claim deed.

On June 24th, 1884, the Board remitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sum of six hundred dollars, the amount authorized by the last Council to be loaned to said Treasurer, to meet the balance due on the salary of the Assistant Bishop, and holds the note of the Treasurer therefor.

With regard to Mercerville Property, at Jackson, the Board were encouraged to expect for some time that it would be selected as the site for the new Industrial Female College, and that an advantageous sale of a portion of the tract could thus be made. This having failed the Board deemed it necessary to have made a map of the property which has resulted in

attracting attention to the desirable lots upon the plat, and in causing an actual demand for them. In offering the lots for sale, the board has endeavored to sell to unobjectionable parties who would occupy and improve them for residences, rather than to speculators. At the request of the Assistant Bishop the Board has reserved from sale a number of lots with a view to their future use by the Diocese.

They have agreed upon the terms of sale of five of the lots to respectable parties who propose to occupy and improve them, and they are receiving numerous enquires from others contemplating purchase.

The Council is respectfully referred to the Report of the Treasurer of the Board, herewith submitted, for an account of the receipts and disbursements, during the past year, and also a statement of the funds and securities now held by the Board.

The Board has received from C. L. Anderson, attorney, the sum of \$333.70 from sales of Corcoran Lands, with a statement from said Anderson which is herewith submitted.

Referring to the claim of the Diocese against St. Peter's Parish, Oxford, for the sum of \$425 advanced by the late Board, for repairs upon their Rectory, then proposed to be conveyed to the Diocese for an Episcopal Residence, the Board after consultation with the Assistant Bishop, instructed its Secretary to communicate with the Vestry of St. Peter's upon the subject. The letter of the Secretary and the reply of the Senior Warden of the Parish are herewith submitted.

Among the securities held by the Board are the notes of St Andrew's, Jackson, and Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, the first for \$150 dated May 4th, 1880. The second for \$150, July 5th, 1880. On the note of St Andrew's there has been paid the sum of \$122.56, but nothing has been collected upon the note of Holy Trinity. Both of these notes bear 8 per cent. interest.

The Board also holds the note of the Jackson Hook & Ladder Co., for \$800 dated June 1st, 1882, on which has been paid the sum of \$320. This note bears 10 per cent. interest and is amply secured by mortgage on real estate.

Of the \$1,500 Hinds county School Warrants turned over to us by the former Board, \$388 has been collected, and it is expected the balance will be paid in April next.

In this connection the Board desires to express their thanks to John Shelton, Jr., Esq., and E. F. Baldwin, Esq., attorneys of Hinds Co., who have gratuitously rendered valuable services to the Diocese.

Our Treasurer on the 28th day of April received from Mr. P. P. Bailey late Treasurer of the fund known as the Bishop's Residence Fund, the sum

of \$1,108; of which \$1,000 has been loaned at 10 per cent. interest until Jan. 1st, 1886, secured by mortgage on real estate.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. SIDWAY,

Q. O. ECKFORD,

A. M. LEA.

Mr. P. P. Bailey, late Treasurer of the Bishop's Residence Fund, submitted a report of that account, which was referred to the Finance Committee, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, be charged with the custody and management of the Fund heretofore known as the Bishop's Residence Fund, to be invested as other funds of the Diocese in their hands are invested. The said Fund, as it now exists, is made up mostly of collections from the Falls estate, on a note of E. A. & G. Falls, taken originally for other notes, which were given in aid of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, and has not been specially set apart either by the donors or by the Council of the Diocese to be used for a Bishop's residence.

The Council took recess until half-past 1 o'clock.

The Council re-assembled at half-past 1 o'clock.

Mr. Farrar submitted the report of the Committee on the Tenure of Church Property.

REPORT:

The Committee on the Tenure of Church Property appointed by your honorable body, beg leave to submit this their report.

The many difficulties and complications involved in the subject of the Tenure of Church Property, are of a character much too grave and intricate to warrant your Committee in venturing upon a discussion of them. The fact is patent that such tenure is very insecure. The remedy (if any can be found under our peculiar form of civil government) must engage the attention of thoughtful minds for many years to come. Your Committee deem it incumbent upon them to leave these speculative discussions and deal only in statistical information, stating facts as they have gathered them and leaving suggestions to others. Since the creation of the Diocese of Mississippi, or soon after its organization, there have been annually appointed by the Council, three persons denominated Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property. They simply held their position by the choice of the Council, and performed the duties assigned them under the authority granted in their organization. It was deemed necessary,

however, that these Trustees should be invested with certain legal powers and privileges necessary to the proper discharge of the functions committed to them, and in 1880, the Legislature of the State passed an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, and to define their powers" This act was approved March 6th, 1880, and is to be found in the Laws of Mississippi, for 1880, pp. 625-26. Section 1 provides, that the three Trustees--naming them—who have been chosen by the proper authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, and their successors in office, to be chosen according to the usages of said Church, under the authority of the Constitution and Canons thereof, are created a body corporate with perpetual succession. The powers and privileges granted them are, that they may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with; that they may have a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; that they may choose a president from one of their number, and they shall keep a record of their proceedings and are to be subject to control under the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, as may be expressed by the Constitution and Canons thereof, or by resolution of the Council, not in contravention to the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi.

Section 2, invests these Trustees with authority to purchase or receive by gift any property, real or personal, in trust for the use of the Church in the Diocese, and to mortgage or alienate the same or any portion thereof; but they are restricted from holding for such use, at any one time, real estate to exceed the value of \$250,000. They are also invested with the authority to purchase or build for the use of the Bishop of the Diocese and his successor in the Episcopate, a residence and Church, if so directed by the Council. They may also hold school, college and cemetery grounds, and erect suitable buildings thereon for the use of the Church in the Diocese. They may also receive and hold in trust for the use of any separate Parish or congregation in the Diocese, such property as may at any time be conveyed to them by deed, gift, or otherwise, for the benefit of such Parish or congregation, not to exceed in value \$50,000, for any one congregation or Parish, exclusive of the value of the property to be held in trust for the Diocese.

Section 3 prescribes, that all the property then held by the Trustees for the use of the Diocese should be vested by title right in said Trustees in their corporate capacity as created by the act, which they may alienate by mortgage, or otherwise.

Section 4 provides, that the act shall have effect from and after its passage, shall be deemed and taken to be a public act, and shall be liberally construed, repealing all laws in conflict with same.

Immediately after the organization of your Committee, a circular letter was prepared, one of which was sent to the Rector or Warden of each Parish in the Diocese, propounding the following interrogatories:

1. Is your Parish incorporated under the laws of the State? When incorporated?
2. In whom does the title to your property vest?
3. Is there any provision in your title deed or charter, to secure for all time the use of your property to the Protestant Episcopal Church?
4. Is your Church consecrated, and is it free from debt and mortgage?

Enquiries 2 and 3, refer to lots without as well as with Church buildings. To these letters replies were had in most instances from the persons to whom they were addressed, and from these replies we summarize the information so obtained.

There are six Parishes incorporated under special acts of the Legislature, to-wit:

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| Holy Trinity..... | Vicksburg. |
| Trinity Church | Natchez. |
| Okolona..... | Church Hill. |
| Early Grove | Woodville. |

There are seven parishes incorporated under general laws, to-wit:

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| Mississippi City..... | Winona. |
| Bay St. Louis | Jackson. |
| Bolton | Edwards. |

Clinton.

The title to Church property is held as follows, viz :

IN THE VESTRY.

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| Bay St. Louis. | Grenada. |
| Church Hill. | Clinton. |
| West Point. | Woodville. |
| Natchez. | Batesville. |
| Early Grove. | Biloxi. |
| Holy Trinity, Vicksburg. | Jackson. |
| Christ Church, Vicksburg. | Lamar. |

IN TRUSTEES OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

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| Mississippi City. | Winona. |
| Port Gibson, | Aberdeen. |
| Okolona. | Magnolia. |
| Bolton, | Dry Grove. |
| Terry. | Como. |

Sardis.

IN THE BISHOP AND SUCCESSORS.

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| Chapel of the Cross, Madison County. | Iuka. |
| Johnsonville. | |

TITLES IN SUBSCRIBERS TO PURCHASE AND BUILD CHURCH PROPERTY.

Kirkwood.

TITLES NOT STATED.

Greenville.

Pass Christian.

Brookhaven.

Carrollton.

Edwards.

Yazoo City.

Canton.

Raymond.

Your Committee beg leave to submit this report as it is, without the usual appendage of a resolution or resolutions, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

E. D. FARRAR,
H. SANSOM,
FREDERIC SPEED.

Mr. Farrar submitted report of the special committee to which was referred that portion of the Assistant Bishop's Address relating to work among colored people.

The recommendations were adopted.

REPORT.

Whereas, This Council notes with interest the efforts made by our Assistant Bishop in behalf of the negro population of our State. To wise men, we must believe it a fully settled question that no practicable and available means should be spared to raise the moral standard of a race just emerging from ignorance, superstition and the condition of slavery with which we and our children must needs come in daily contact. With Christian men, it must be too late to discuss where lie the responsibilities of the work. In the Providence of God, the problem is facing us—what shall we do for the negro? The time has come for the church to take a stand somewhere in the line pointed out by enlightened christian civilization. Certainly no better starting point can be found than Mississippi, and no safer channel for Divine influences than the Church's Holy Offices.

With a view, therefore, to giving formal expression to the sense of this body of her representatives in this Diocese; be it

Resolved, 1. That we cordially endorse and approve the course of the Rt. Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, s.t.d., Assistant Bishop of Mississippi, in inaugurating in a substantial way, the work of the church among the colored population of our State.

2. That we heartily recommend to the General Church and her members the plans and purposes of our Assistant Bishop in this behalf, and gladly testify to gratifying results already attained.

3. That we tender to the generous helpers of the good cause beyond our borders, our sincere thanks for substantial aid in this new Missionary

field, and assure them that, under the wise management of our Assistant Bishop, we believe the Church's influence is destined to spread wide and deep among this benighted people.

4. That to our own people particularly we commend this work and for it ask their united and unstinted aid.

5. That the Assistant Bishop be requested to name a day in the Church's calendar on which offerings shall in all Churches, Parishes or Mission Stations, be made in this Diocese for the furtherance of his work among the colored race in Mississippi, and that the clergy be by him requested to give beforehand, each year, special notice thereof, and ask for liberal contributions.

E. D. FARRAR,

A. M. LEA,

Q. O. ECKFORD,

Committee.

The hour for the order of the day being announced the committee appointed by the last Council, charged with the duty of revising the Constitution and Canons submitted their report, which, on motion was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the report.

This Committee reported a Constitution and Digest of Canons, which, on motion, were ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Shields, it was—

Resolved, That the Constitution as so reported be proposed to the next Council for final action.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. Short, it was—

Resolved, That the digest of Canons reported by the Committee, be referred to the next Council.

The Rev. A. Marks submitted the report of a Special Committee.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Assistant Bishop's Address relating to the Missions of the General Church, beg leave to report that having attentively considered the facts laid before them and the weighty words of the Assistant Bishop touching the same, they are unable to add anything to the information in possession of the Council. Nor are they able to add anything to the emphasis which the Assistant Bishop has laid upon the facts. The situation is serious, is alarming and

calls for the prompt and energetic action of every member of the Church. Your Committee thereon begs to offer and move adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the reverend clergy of the Diocese be requested to take, as soon as possible, a collection in their several Parishes, wherever the same has not been recently done, for the General Missions of the Church.

Resolved, That the reverend clergy be requested, on accasion of taking such collection, to make some special statement to their several congregations, in sermon or otherwise, of the special and pressing need for their offerings at this time, and to read to their congregations, the Assistant Bishop's words upon the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. MARKS,
NELSON AYRES,
H. C. MAYER,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. Wm. Cross offered the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which, on motion was made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

The Council adjourned until half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1885.

The Council met at half-past nine o'clock, the Bishop presiding, aided by the Assistant Bishop.

The roll was called and the minutes approved.

The Chair announced the Committee heretofore ordered, in conjunction with the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, to report to the next Council what action, if any, they deem advisable for this Diocese to take in the matter of the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer—the Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams, the Rev. Dr. Harris, the Rev. A. Marks, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Eckford, being the Committee.

The Assistant Bishop having temporarily withdrawn, Mr. Eckford availed himself of the opportunity to announce that Bishop Thompson desired the Council to receive as a donation from him his note for \$500, as a contribution to the fund for the endowment of the Episcopate. Also, his cash check for \$125, to aid the Parish of St. Peter's, Oxford, to meet its obligations to the Diocese.

On motion of Mr. Shields, it was

Resolved, That the generous donation, by the Assistant Bishop of \$500 as a contribution to the endowment fund of the Episcopate, be accepted with the grateful thanks of this Council.

On motion of Mr. Lea, it was

Resolved, That this Council authorize and instruct the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property to decline any offer of the Assistant Bishop to assume any portion of the indebtedness of St. Peter's Parish, Oxford, to the Board of Trustees for advances made by the Board to the said Parish, for repairs upon its Rectory.

The Treasurer of the Council was ordered to remit to the Treasurer of the General Convention the sum of thirteen dollars, being the assessment on this Diocese for expenses connected with the revision of the Liturgy.

On motion, the Rule was suspended and the following officers were elected without ballot.

Alternate Deputies to the General Convention—CLERICAL—Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D., R. G. Hinsdale, S.T.D., Wm. P. Browne, J. T. Pickett, D.D. LAY—G. D. Sidway, John Rawle, A. M. Lea, W. A. Percy.

Collector of the Bishop Green Fund—Rev. Nowell Logan, to whom also was assigned the duties of Statistician and Registrar.

The Missionary Committee—Under direction of the Assistant Bishop, *ex-officio*, President, the Rev. Nowell Logan, Secretary, the Rev. Wm. Short, the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D., Mr. Geo. W. Howard and Mr. Marcellus Green.

On the Endowment of the Episcopate—Mr. C. H. Cocke, Mr. F. Speed, Mr. R. S. Dixon.

The Chair announced re-appointment of the Deans of Convocation, as already existing.

The chair appointed as Preacher to the next Council the Rev. R. G. Hinsdale, s.t.d., with the Rev. J. E. Martin, as alternate, Mr. Howard, Secretary, submitted the Report of Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee begs leave to report the following official Acts for the past year:

COLUMBUS, MAY 8th, 1884.—The Committee met and organized by electing Rev. H. Sansom, D.D., President, and G. W. Howard, M.D., Secretary.

The Committee signified its assent to the consecration of Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas, and parts adjacent; and to the consecration of Rev. Wm. Jones Boone, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of Shanghai.

VICKSBURG, AUGUST 1st, 1884—The Committee met and signified its assent to the consecration of Rev. N. S. Rulison, D.D., as Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

VICKSBURG, SEPT. 12th, 1884—The Committee met and approved the bond of Lee M. Tucker, Treasurer of the Diocese for \$5000.

VICKSBURG, OCT. 13th, 1884—The Committee met and recommended Mr. James L. Lancaster, late a minister among the Presbyterians, as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Rev. Nowell Logan was appointed collector of the Bishop Green Fund.

VICKSBURG, NOV. 14th, 1884—The Committee met and assented to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. Paret, D.D., as Bishop of Maryland.

VICKSBURG, DEC. 2d, 1884—The Committee met and assented to the consecration of Rev. George Worthington, s.t.d., as Bishop of Nebraska.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. HOWARD, Secretary.

Mr. L. M. Tucker submitted the report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report to the Council that they have examined the accounts and reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and find the same correct, showing as follows:

THE BISHOP GREEN FUND.

The salary of the Bishop has been paid to June 25th, 1885, and the

Treasurer has on hand for this fund..... \$10 24

The salary of the Assistant Bishop has been paid to date, and a balance of \$128 96 remains in the hands of the Treasurer.

THE FUND FOR ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

The Treasurer has received from Parishes and paid over to the Board of Trustees \$96 68, as per list in *Church News*, to be published May 15th.

THE CONTINGENT FUND.

The Committee has had before it the report and vouchers for this fund and find the same correct; showing

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| Receipts | \$410 76 |
| Expenditures | 228 80 |

Leaving a balance of..... \$181 96

Of which amount the Treasurer of the Council has in cash \$76 63; and \$105 33, locked up in Green's Bank.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EPISCOPAL FUND, &c.

The Committee have examined the report of this Board and find same correct.

THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE FUND.

The report of the late Treasurer of this fund has been examined and approved. The Committee recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by Judge Bailey in relation to this matter.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the Assessment Roll of 1884, for the support of the Episcopate, and a reduction of the Contingent Assessment to seven per cent.

They further recommend that the report of assessments and payments published in the *Church News*, contains only the arrearages on the 1884 Assessment, but that the Treasurer keep the list of arrears accruing before that date, and inform Parishes that he is authorized to release the same for any amount within the ability of the Parishes to pay.

They further recommend that the Bishop appoint a Committee of three to solicit from friends of the Church gifts for the Endowment of the Episcopate, and that a form of bequest to this fund be printed on the back sheet of the Journal of 1885.

They further recommend that the Parishes be urged to pay assessments promptly to the Treasurer in quarterly instalments, in order that the engagements of the Council to the Bishop may be duly met.

The Committee congratulates the Council upon its improved monetary condition, and especially in view of the fact that the past year has been one of great financial distress.

For the Committee.

L. M. TUCKER, Secretary.

The recommendations were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eckford, it was

Resolved, That the Chair be requested to appoint a Chancellor of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed as such Chancellor, Mr. W. A. Percy, of Greenville.

The hour being announced for the order of the day, the Council called for the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was accordingly submitted by the Rev. Wm. Cross, Chairman.

REPORT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business having examined the Journal of the last Council would report items of such business requiring the attention of this Council, as follows:

1st. The Committee to wait upon Mr. Klein, the former Treasurer, *vide* page 12, should report to this Council.

2d. The Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Canons, page 13, should report to this Council.

3d. The amendment to Canon XV, by an additional section, No. 7, *vide* page 17, provides for Committee on the Endowment of the Episcopate, which Committee should report to this Council.

WM. CROSS, Chairman,
FREDERIC SPEED,
WM. BRITTON.

The Rev. J. T. Hargrave submitted the report of the Committee on Diocesan Schools.

REPORT.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have thoughtfully considered the impressive words of the Assistant Bishop in his address to this Council upon the subject of Diocesan Schools, and that they heartily approve his views.

We recognize the necessity of Church Schools for the successful accomplishment of Diocesan work and the exemplification of the Church's system. No Diocese can properly execute its mission which is destitute of such institutions.

We believe that the means for the best general culture should be provided by the Church, and this accompanied by instruction in the principles of Christian faith and Catholic worship.

And yet your Committee, impressed with the great importance of this matter would recommend a wise caution, that we may secure the most permanent and fruitful results. Not discouraged, because we have hitherto

been unable to obtain such schools, we believe that by persistent effort we shall yet be successful. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we endeavor to popularize this subject, and to this end request the clergy to insist upon the importance of Church Schools and the value of their teaching.

Resolved, That a Committee of two or more be appointed who shall collect information in relation to desirable locations in the Diocese, tenders of school property, endowments, and that such Committee be a Standing Committee, to report to the next Council, any plans or suggestions they may have for the accomplishment of our object.

R. G. HINSDALE,
J. T. HARGRAVE,
Q. O. ECKFORD,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Farrar, on the part of the Diocesan Trustees of the University of the South, made a verbal report of the condition of that Institution, and offered the following resolution; which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Council has learned with pleasure, the recent large devise to the University of the South by a faithful Churchman, lately deceased, and also, of a liberal donation of valuable books from England. This Council desires to give expression to its unfeigned interest in the success of the University, and to express the hope that under the good providence of God the University will continue to prosper until it realizes the expectations of its founders.

The Council elected the Rev. Dr. Harris, Mr. E. D. Farrar and Mr. C. H. Cocke, as Trustees of the University of the South for the three years next ensuing, and Mr. Geo. W. Howard was re-elected Treasurer of the same for the Diocese of Mississippi.

On motion of Mr. W. W. Moore, the Secretary was instructed to print in the Journal an abstract of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Missionary Society.

The Rev. Dr. Sansom submitted the report of the Committee on the State of the Church. See Appendix.

On motion of Mr. Speed, the Council adopted, by a rising vote, the portions relating to the venerable Bishop of the Diocese.

The Assistant Bishop expressed the feeling of the Council on the occasion, and the Bishop replied acknowledging his sense of

the love and devotion of his people, and asking God's blessing upon the Council and its labors.

On motion of Bishop Adams, the report was ordered printed—*vide* Appendix.

On invitation of the Rev. I. N. Marks, Jr., it was moved that the next Annual Council meet in St. John's Church, Aberdeen, on Tuesday, May the 17th, 1886. The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Howard, it was

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Council pay the Sexton of Trinity Church, Natchez, ten dollars for services rendered during the session.

The Rev. Nowell Logan, Collector, reported the condition of the Bishop Green Fund. See Appendix.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. Short, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due to the Rector and members of Trinity Parish, and to various citizens of Natchez for their generous hospitality to the clergy and delegates; also to various Railroad Companies from which we have received courtesy.

On motion of Mr Shields, it was

Ordered, That the Journal of these Proceedings be printed for publication; the number of copies being left to the discretion of the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Moore, it was

Resolved, That appreciating the courtesy extended by the Natchez Democrat to this Council, we desire to return our thanks to the Proprietors of that Journal.

The Bishop said prayers and gave his blessing.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

Signed.

HUGH MILLER THOMPSON,

Assistant Bishop.

A true copy.



Secretary.

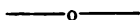
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OF THE

RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D.D., LL.D.

BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI.

1886.



DEAR BRETHREN:—

Through the goodness of God we are once more permitted to assemble in Council—a privilege which I dared not hope for when we last met together. Why my life should thus be prolonged, I know not, except it be that I may make more “sure” the calling and election vouchsafed to me in Christ.

Though debarred by growing infirmity, from going in and out among my people, I have labored for them in my prayers; and held communion with many of them through my pen. It is my happiness to know that our Conciliar year has been to our fellow-citizens generally, one of marked prosperity. The fruits of the earth have abounded, business of every kind has yielded its profits, and a general healthfulness has crowned the seasons as they passed. In the atmosphere of our Church, too, all has been well, if not more than well. New and efficient instrumentalities have been brought into her service; an increased liberality is being shown to her charitable Institutions; the Missionary wave is spreading wider and wider over our frontier settlements; and five goodly names have been added to the list of Bishops that already adore and bless their Heaven-appointed office.

The Necrology of the last twelve months contains the names of

two Clergymen and one Layman, whose memory we may well delight to honor. In the death of the Rev. Drs. Leeds and Schenck our American Church has lost two faithful and zealous laborers, who in addition to a successful cultivation of their respective fields of labor, were nobly distinguished for their active interest in that godliest of the Church's works, her Missions, both at home and abroad. They were always present at their posts when duty called; and almost the latest act of their lives was by their presence and their counsel to help forward that blessed cause.

Of like missionary zeal was that noble son of the Church, Frederic S. Winston, a name worthy of double honor, in as much as among our Laity, there is too seldom found a similar devotion to that work which, more than any other, likens its advocates to Christ. No man ever enjoyed more of the confidence either of the world or the Church. His call was sudden, but found him waiting. His long life of integrity, of usefulness, and of active benevolence leaves behind it a radiance that will long brighten and adorn his name.

In matters of the State, as well as of the Church there is no small cause for congratulation. The bitterness of party strife is settling down into a more tolerant feeling; and a more general contentment with the "powers that be." And I rejoice to add that the poor Indian, hitherto the prey of the sharper, and the bully, can now feel that the arms of a paternal government are thrown around him. No pilfering and heartless agent will any longer be allowed to come between him and a Gospel civilization.

If we confine our view within our Diocesan limits, we may see much that we should be thankful for. The faithful and untiring labors of my Assistant are giving to our Diocese a more cheerful and hopeful aspect in all its quarters. Our Mission Stations are being supplied with active laborers; new fields are inviting us to take them in possession; the negro is knocking earnestly at our doors,—and last, though not least of all, should we thank God that the hand of Death has been withheld from the ranks of our Clergy, and has pressed but lightly on our Laity. But, whilst heartily rejoicing at this evidence of general prosperity, you will, I hope, pardon your old Bishop when he tells you what a continued trial it has been to him to know that you were all at work in

the field, whilst he, like Jeremiah of old, was "shut up"—not in a veritable prison, but in the inactivity of his chamber. But God forbid that he should even seem to repine at his own worthlessness, or be envious of the good done by others.

The following items will set before you the little that has been attempted in the way of visitation, since our last Council.

Immediately after our adjournment, I set out, down the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, in the hope of extending my visit to the several Parishes and Stations on the Gulf Coast.

At Macon I preached on the 11th and 12th of May, baptizing *one* infant and confirming *two* persons.

May 14th—I preached at Grace Chapel, and confirmed *three* candidates.

May 16th—At Meridian I preached once only, but spent three days in receiving the visits of the congregation. But here I found that I could proceed no further for want of strength to labor, in any way acceptable to myself or profitable to others. It was with great reluctance that I felt bound to turn my face homewards.

July 14th—I transferred Rev. Daniel B. Ramsey to the Diocese of Springfield.

Sept. 23d—At the University of the South I baptized *an* infant, one of my great-grand-children.

On the 8th of October I left home, though in much weakness, to visit a few of the Parishes in the Western portion of the Diocese.

My first visit was to Hernando, where I preached, confirmed *one* person, and baptized *two* children.

On the 17th, I preached at Sardis, in the evening, assisted by Rev. Dr. Hamvasy.

Sunday the 18th was given to Como, where I remained several days, preaching once, to a large congregation, confirming *four* candidates, two of whom were young sons of the Rector.

At Winona I preached on the 22d, assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Browne.

The 24th, 25th and 26th, were spent in Carrollton. On Sunday, the 26th, I preached in their new Church to a crowded congregation. Several persons were expecting to be confirmed; but it was deemed advisable for them to await the next opportunity. Before the services on Sunday, I confirmed in private, *one* lady whose home was at some distance from the Church.

It was with a heartfelt satisfaction that I looked upon the beautiful and churchly building, which had just been completed here for the worship of God. Much praise is due to all, and every one, both North and South, whose hands and hearts contributed to that work, but especially to a beloved sister-in-Christ, whose fervent zeal delights to expend itself in erecting Temples unto the Lord. To the venerable Pastor, Rev. Mr. Halstead, who had so

long been giving to that little congregation a portion of his labors, the scenes and services of that day must have brought a special sense of satisfaction and reward. Before I left the Parish I held a pleasant and satisfactory interview with the Vestry, who though young in office, appeared to have done all that duty demanded of them.

My next visit was to Vaiden, where on the 29th at the request of the Rector, Mr. Browne, I baptized *one* aged adult. In the evening, Mr. Browne read Prayers, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

At Lexington I preached on Sunday the 1st of November, and confirmed *five* persons. This little Parish continues to grow with a slow but steady increase.

I preached at Canton, in the evening of the 4th, confirming *two* candidates. It was a joy to my heart to find this Parish, so long without a resident Pastor, now in the charge of one every way suited to their needs, and devoted to their interests. Before I left the place, I baptized *one* infant in private.

On Sunday, the 9th, assisted by Rev. Dr. Harris, I preached in Livingston to a large congregation, and confirmed *one* person.

At Jackson, on the 11th, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Short, whom I was glad to find in charge of this important Parish; a worthy successor of Dr. Crane and Dr. Tucker. Several days were spent in Jackson in the pleasant exercise of visiting and receiving friends.

November 14th-18th, was devoted to Vicksburg. On Sunday the 16th, I preached at Christ Church in the forenoon, and confirmed *five* candidates. I had engaged to officiate in like manner at Holy Trinity in the afternoon; but when the hour came, I found my strength unequal to the task.

November 17th—I transferred Normand B. Hargis, a candidate for Orders, to the Diocese of Florida.

On the 19th I reached Yazoo City, expecting to officiate the next day; but was compelled for want of health to forego it. I confirmed *one* person in private.

At Bentonla, on the 21st, I gave the Laying-on-of-Hands to *one* person, a daughter-in-law.

Assisted by Rev. Mr. Clemens, I preached in Brandon on the 23d, to a large congregation, confirming *four* candidates. Here, again, I was rejoiced to find this long pastorless congregation in the charge of an able and faithful resident minister.

At Grenada, on the 27th, I baptized *one* child, and preached the following day, confirming *one* person. I was much pleased to find Mr. Neide their young Rector, so acceptably and efficiently engaged in his work.

On the 30th, I preached in Oxford, assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Lewis, who is zealously continuing and improving the good work begun by his predecessor, Rev. Mr. Moore.

Dec. 2d, 3d, and 4th, were given to Holly Springs. I preached on the 3d, confirming *one* person; and the following day administered the same rite to *one* more. I was assisted by Rev. Mr. Hargrave, who is zealously endeavoring to restore that Parish to the happy and prosperous condition

ch it once enjoyed. My heart was cheered indeed, in seeing their beautiful Rectory recently completed—a hopeful pledge of a brighter day for spiritual things.

My last appointment was for Inka, that faithful little Parish for so many years without a Pastor. I was, therefore, truly thankful to find the Rev. Mr. Wrixon residing among them, and laboring with zeal, and with increasing acceptance to his little flock. I preached for them on Sunday, 7th, and confirmed *three* candidates.

On the 9th, I was truly thankful to be once more at home.

On the month of February, 1885, at the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, I confirmed fifteen candidates, at the "University of the South."

Since the adjournment of our last Council it has been my privilege to give my consent to the consecration of the five following Bishops:

1st. Rev. William J. Boone, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of Shanghai.

2d. Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson, as Missionary Bishop of Hayti.

3d. Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, as Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

4th. Rev. Wm. Paret, as Bishop of Maryland.

5th. Rev. George Worthington, as Bishop of Nebraska.

I have given the Laying-on-of-Hands to *thirty-eight* persons, and have baptized *one* adult, and *six* children.

One Presbyter, Rev. Daniel B. Ramsey, has been transferred to the Diocese of Springfield, and Normand B. Harris, a candidate for Orders, to the Diocese of Florida.

Rev. Dr. Pickett has removed to Florida, but has not, as yet, asked for his Dismissory.

The name of Rev. Mr. Trader is still on our list, but I have not his present residence.

Since the transfer of Mr. Normand B. Harris to the Diocese of Florida, we have now only two Candidates for Orders, viz: J. Augustus Harris, and Malachi Pegues. Mr. Harris preaches in July or August, to receive Deacon's Orders, at the University of the South, where he has been taking his Theological course. Mr. James L. Lancaster, who has become a Candidate within the last twelve months, will be admitted to the Diaconate at the adjournment of our present Council.

I am glad to state that the constantly increasing number of the students of our University shows an increasing claim to the confidence and patronage of all lovers of Education sanctioned by reason.

On my way to this Council I was much gratified at seeing two uses of God in the hands of the builders, and a third in a recent state of completion. In Greenville, a very eligible lot, near the Rectory has been obtained; and a new and more church-like building will soon take the place of that lately destroyed by fire.

The congregation is in no degree discouraged by that disaster. In a few months more they hope to complete their Church; and are earnestly desirous that our next Council may be held in it.

In Vicksburg, I spent several days among friends and brethren, but performed no public service. I highly approved the site selected for the Church of the colored people; and was pleased to witness the earnestness of both pastor and people in pressing on their work of providing for themselves a separate and becoming house of worship.

Last Sunday was spent in Port Gibson, where both my eyes and my heart were made glad by the sight of their new Church, complete in all its arrangements, and fitted in all respects for a worshipping temple. When I look back over nearly the thirty years of privation, as to pastoral service, endured there by the members of our Church, I could but rejoice to see how, at length, their patience, and the zeal of their Minister, Rev. Mr. Logan, has been so abundantly rewarded. Of the Church-building itself, I can truly say that no work of the kind could be more churchly in appearance, or more suggestive, both within and without, of the purposes for which it was intended.

I did not feel able to officiate any further than to assist the Rector in the services of the Holy Communion.

It will be remembered by you, brethren, that at our last Council, I drew your attention to the labors of the "Committee on the enrichment of our Prayer Book," and recommended that some action of approval or disapproval should be signified by our Diocese, of the report made by that Committee to our last General Convention. That report, together with the proposed additions and emendations, has lately been widely spread before the Church, with the view of ascertaining the minds of the several Dioceses on the subject. Of the importance of that long-desired movement, and of the wisdom and labor laid out upon it, it is needless for me to speak. That no action on our part, has, as yet been taken upon it is owing, I presume, to the impossibility of discussing and maturing a subject of that kind, in a mixed assembly like our Council, which gives but two days to the transaction of matters financial, as well as spiritual and ecclesiastical.

Permit me, therefore, to suggest to you the appointment of

three Clergymen, and a like number of Laymen, who, with the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, shall constitute a committee to take into consideration the report and the several resolutions proposed by the Committee of Enrichment; and ascertained as far as may be, the sense of the Diocese, on the subject, report the same to our next Council. Some action of the Council would enable the Deputies, whom we may send to the Convention of 1886, truly and understandingly to represent the will of the Diocese.

detain you no longer, dear brethren, further than to draw your attention to the gradually diminishing amount of the salary that I am able to report to our Councils, and to the increasing amount that it gives me for your prayers as well as for the comfort of your ever-kind indulgence. Let the loving confidence that has bound us to each other, for so many years, unite our hearts to the very end of life. May God bless your present and future to the glory of his name, and the good of his Church.

Your loving Bishop,

W. M. GREEN.

THE THIRD ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

RIGHT REVEREND HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, D.D.,

ASSISTANT BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI.

1885.

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TO THE COUNCIL :—

Reverend Fathers, and Brethren of the Laity: These Annual Meetings, are in one view periods of rest—periods of rest though we are so occupied and so anxious. We pause and put ourselves to self-examination. We “take stock” as it were of ourselves and our work, and review the past, marking mistakes and failures, marking, also, if by God’s good hand upon us there be any, advancement and success.

To the most of us, the years, as they go, look back upon us with darkened faces, so much to be repented of, so much for regret and sorrow, so many disappointments, so many garlands of hopes that have withered, do they carry into the dreadful and irrevocable Past.

And yet with the thoughts that must sadden, come the thoughts that cheer and strengthen. “The Lord of all ages is here.” The strong hand that holds the world is over us to shelter. The Past that failed may be redeemed in a Future of victory. To-day is ours and God’s, and He waits behind the shadows, ready to make the hour, if we will have it so, luminous with his presence.

Thank His great goodness that has so blessed us, we are all here in the harvest field. Death hath not touched the little company that gathered a year ago in St. Paul’s Church, Columbus. The venerable Patriarch, whose grey head is a crown of glory among us is with us to-day as then. “The Lord hath *not* taken our master from our head.” The Father is here yet to bless his children. I won-

der if any one can realize as his Assistant does, what quiet power for our work in Mississippi, lies in the eighty-seven years of the life of its blameless Bishop?

Let me speak of things that discourage me, first of all. We have yet no school. I had hoped shortly after the meeting of our last Council that a school for young women would be established on the Coast, and one for young men at Holly Springs. At Holly Springs there is some small fund belonging to the old corporation, St. Thomas' Hall. But the Rev. Mr. Hargrave found no encouragement at that point and abandoned the idea, at some cost to himself.

At Pascagoula, a clergyman in English orders, who presented papers purporting to be certificates of success in managing schools in England and Ireland, undertook, as a private enterprise, to conduct a school for young women. Fortunately the Diocese had not in any way, stood sponsor for the undertaking, nor had I, and I so published in the *Church News*. His real name seems to be Michael Charles Browne. He passed here as Charles M. Browne.

But these two failures do not dishearten me. The need for Church Schools remains, and we must recognize it as a need, honestly, and a burden upon conscience. The Diocese is in no condition to involve itself in such enterprises. But I am continually receiving letters making inquiries and surely our own people ought to do something. They should at least stand ready to help men who want to come to Mississippi in the interest of Church education.

A Parish is hardly equipped for the work a Parish ought to do unless it have a school as well as a Church. There is nothing at all incompatible with the dignity of the Clerical office in teaching, and it is of course presumed that a clergyman is qualified to teach. There are points where it has seemed to me the offices of Pastor and Teacher might be most effectually combined, and others, where it has seemed to me by some effort of our people a school might be established where the teacher being in Deacon's orders might help in the Parish and in Mission work.

Let us remember, if we are disposed to turn contemptuously from the school-master's work, that in the times of sore distress,

driven from their homes and Churches, some of the most famous Bishops and Doctors of the Mother Church became school-masters, and that now it is the rule for active clergy in the English Church to spend some hours each day at their Parish Schools.

Another matter which I emphasized in my last address is also a disappointment, and no doubt is as it is because of this same lack of schools. I have not heard of a single Church family in Mississippi proposing a son for the Ministry! Where lies the fault here? For I must insist that it is a fault and a sin. I deliberately *insist* that no family with boys, professing the most ordinary faith and obedience to the Law of Christ can, without sin, ignore the claims of the Lord upon them in this matter. And, pardon me for saying it, but I believe a large share of the fault here lies upon the clergy. How many of us, dear brethren, preach "the whole counsel of God!" How many, and just in the largest Parishes where it is most needed, are not stammering and uncertain on truths which are clear and duties which are precise, and content themselves with glittering generalities which are very nice and very fine but leave the life untouched and the heart unprobed?

We want some Mississippi boys picked out for the Ministry, and we don't want the lame or the lazy. We want the choicest boys from the best families. The clergy must preach about it and talk about it.

But you say the "life is hard, they will be doomed to hardships, poverty and struggles."

Friends, you will forgive me for saying, I don't believe that consideration is going to frighten the boys, nor the mothers and fathers among a people who sent out their boys not many years ago, with prayers and blessings, to hunger, and rags, and wounds and death, while they tramped by "the wheels of the guns," for a cause *they*, at least, believed noble and manly. No! I am not misled. I know this people. They have a thousand faults, but they are not selfish. They are not sordid. And you will have to use some other argument, than toil and poverty to a Mississippi boy, or a Mississippi father or mother, to hold back that boy from a life of grand and chivalrous devotion to a high and holy calling, if he once understands it, and sets his heart upon it.

Nay, brethren, you will show it in your own lives first and then you can preach the high self-sacrifice and the stainless knight-hood of the Christian Priesthood, and you will find, unless all their story belies them and they are recreant to their ancestry and their past, that your so-called hardships are but inducements to the boys of Mississippi to seek commissions under "the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

We divided the Diocese last year, shortly after the Council, into Convocations, and I appointed Deans.

I am not at all disappointed in the result. I did not expect wonders. We all had to learn. I have not been able to attend many of the Convocations. Some have been more fruitful, of course, than others. But that the movement has been wise and productive there is no doubt. The Convocation of Oxford, of Pass Christian, of Natchez, of Jackson, have reached results which will remain. Much, indeed most depends upon the Dean—his common sense, his power of organization. It is not a post of honor mainly, but of work. In the year coming I want to attend, as far as possible, the meetings of Convocations. I may be of use. I should like to be. Still the Convocations must learn to go alone.

And in this connection, let me speak of "Missions" so-called, continuous services—by a number of clergy at one point. Oxford is the most marked instance perhaps. I confirmed there a class of *ten* young men on one Sunday lately, on the following Sunday a class of three, one being a young man, and have several candidates to confirm soon, largely as a result of a "Mission," where there was plain churchly preaching. As the result of such a "Mission" in Jackson, the Rector has written me that the sentiment of men, and *young* men, has greatly changed toward Religion and the Church and he feels the impulse in his ministrations.

And here, while I would be the last man to criticise even in appearance the pulpit work of the clergy, many of them far more experienced and able than I pretend to be, let me ask if we do not commit a great mistake in elaborate and "eloquent" sermons? The sermons of our Lord are very simple. So are the recorded

sermons of His Apostles. They are *talks* from heart to heart. The longest preserved is the speech of St. Stephen and that is all Scripture. The "long preaching" of St. Paul which put Eutyches to sleep, is not preserved. It is very suggestive. Evidently it was no part of the Word of God, or it could not have fallen into oblivion. While his very short speech on Mars' Hill is preserved word for word. Don't we "preach" too much, and "talk" too little. In some of our large city Parishes the Rector is expected, at least once a day, to be very "eloquent" and let off his rhetorical and gesticulatory pyrotechnics, with results sometimes to make the angels weep. That is what he gets his pay for. But in *our* plain Parishes and Missions, I think the best eloquence is that which goes from an honest and loving heart to other hearts, in simple English.

And as a man not altogether unacquainted with literary values and literary criticism, I think this last is in the best taste also. There are no kaleidoscopic performances, with fine words in the Sermon on the Mount; yet, as a critic, I venture to say there is no speech delivered on earth that can be brought, for literary excellence, into comparison.

But, after all, the point is this: Behind every sermon and every speech, in pulpit or out of it, you want a *man*.

Among the things which ought to cheer us to-day, is the fact of the beginning, with great hopes, in Vicksburg, of a Mission for colored people. Last fall I received from a dear friend some money, with the permission to appropriate it as I pleased for our work, but with the expressed preference, that, if possible, I should use it for work among colored people. Other sums were added, and at last I made up my mind to go North and apply to personal friends and others for aid for this special purpose. I spoke of Jackson as the site because that was the only place where we had ever made any organized effort for these people in any form. I hoped to be able to gather and house some relics of the Sunday-School which had so long existed there. I was not, however, bound to any place.

But the Trustees of the Diocese made some objection to putting the Chapel on our lands there, under an impression, which I con-

sider a mistake, that it would interfere with the value of the property. While I was somewhat troubled at this, and still more, that I would be compelled to purchase a site for the proposed Chapel to be the absolute property of the Diocese, in a city where the Diocese has over one hundred acres of lots to sell, I was encouraged by receiving, through Dr. Sansom, a petition from a number of colored people in Vicksburg to put the proposed Chapel in that city.

With the steps following you are familiar. I met these people, organized them as far as they now can be, and put the Rev. Mr. Ayres, highly commended to me by a clergyman in Baltimore, who has just published an interesting book of twelve year's experience in the work in that city among colored people. They are now worshipping in the music hall of the public school building in Vicksburg, kindly loaned by the city.

I had asked only for money to build. But on planting the work in Vicksburg I was obliged to buy a site at a cost of \$650, for which the owner insisted upon the cash in hand. I find also after purchase, that there remains a tax claim which must be shortly redeemed, running the price up to nearly \$700, and with the cost of grading to considerable more. The property will be lodged, as soon as papers are made, in the hands of the diocesan trustees. Besides, on application to the General Board, for an allowance for colored work in Mississippi, I find the treasury would not endure it. The missionary, therefore, was thrown upon my hands, as these people cannot be expected to do anything of consequence toward his support till the chapel is built.

All this has very much burdened me with anxiety, and I have been obliged to make another appeal. I regret to say that I have only received \$5 from Mississippi towards this enterprise up to the present. The lot, though, in many respects, inadequate will do, and the work of building is going on. It is a sort of *test*—a test of earnestness, sincerity and honesty, and the outcome of it will have very serious consequences upon the Church in Mississippi. On many accounts it will be very desirable that the Church people in Mississippi should show interest, and give substantial aid in this matter. After all it is *not* the business of the

dioceses of New York, Albany, Pennsylvania and Maryland. And it is *ours*. Unless we show some very substantial evidences that we consider it *our* business we cannot expect much more consideration from them. As it stands now the cost of the lot must be raised by myself, and the support of the missionary beyond the \$200 allowed by our missionary committee, stands guaranteed by me. I gratefully record here that, towards this, our diocesan committee have repaid me \$100 which I had advanced personally.

With regard to this whole matter of colored work, let me say, that, in my judgment, there can be no longer delay about it. I have no romance, and no sentiment on the subject. I profess no attachment nor admiration for negroes. I am not responsible for the making of them; nor for the putting them in Mississippi. According to my limited range of vision it would be better if they could be all made white by to-morrow. But then I have the strong, even *savage* race antipathies of the Gothic people. But here they are, and they are going to stay, and I believe them men as much as we are, with souls for which Christ died, and in his eyes as dear as any of us. It is one of those visions of human folly which must make tears fall in heaven, that a Church can raise money and send men to convert here and there a black man in Africa, and turn its back on six millions (with a large infusion of the blood of its own people in them too, God help us!) because these black men are Americans!

The doors open for our work among the colored or negro peoples are many. I have been several times asked to address them, and always do so to the best of my ability, and they are friendly and grateful. The rector of one of our parishes has been asked to take a congregation of them under his charge. And a lady honored by all Mississippians, the wife of the President of the late Confederate States, has offered her services to teach and help each Sunday.

Brethren, they want just what the Church has to give them, a fixed faith, a plain teaching, the ten commandments. Shall we not help them? I would prize a dollar, or an encouraging word in this work, from Mississippi, more than ten from otherwheres. Our hour of trial is upon us. How will you meet this question?

They know *you* best. They *trust* you best. You are neighbors, old friends. They will follow if you will lead. The white Mississippian is the natural friend, helper and leader of the black.

And now, just one more word. In anything I may have said in the public prints or otherwise, on this matter, do not understand me as holding that a black man is unfit for the ministry. I only mean to say, that as I see it now in Mississippi, if the black man is to be taught, helped, raised, the white man must do it. And just now I want white clergymen for any colored congregation we may have. And let me also note, that one of our Churches is not a "nigger Church." It will be a Church with a colored congregation, who under our teaching will be just as quiet, reverent and orderly as any other congregation whatever.

In my visits to Parishes and Missions, I have been grieved at what I have learned about our Church property. There are several defunct Parishes in the Diocese which have no parochial life, and which yet have property real and personal, in the hands of sometimes one man, and sometimes a woman, who stands for the Church, and represents a "vestry" that years ago ceased to exist. Their property, by all equities belongs to the Church, for Church uses of some sort, either in the place or out of it.

If the Constitution and Canons, to be presented by the Committee be adopted they will put an end to this state of things for the future. But meanwhile, (I leave it to the lawyers in the Council,) I think we need an act of the legislature to empower the trustees to enter upon the abandoned property of defunct Parishes and Missions. Let me specify:

At Clinton, St. Matthew's is one of our oldest Parishes. It has, possibly for many years, not had a legal or canonical vestry. It has a ruined Church. But there is nobody living with the power to dispose of it—ought to be a Mission.

At Hernando is another old Parish. Dead entirely as a Parish—no service, no vestry for years—ought to be a Mission—is such or nothing. It has a tumbled-down church, a valuable lot, and as I am told, several hundred dollars unproductive in the hands of a gentleman who was on the vestry once. But no living man has power to investigate, to presume, or to claim.

At West Point is a lot, which is valuable, but has been fenced and is now used as a garden by a man, who, if undisturbed, will be in due time owner. I don't know in whom is the title.

In Water Valley, utterly dead as a Parish, where services have been kept up frequently this winter and spring gratuitously, the property as I understand being in the hands of the Diocesan trustees, a man has put a fence inclosing ten feet of the Church's lot, and will have possession in due time if undisturbed.

At Osyka there is a Church—no vestry, no one to care for it—none of our people.

At Summit a "parish," I believe, Church and Rectory are going to wreck, and no legal vestry, I judge for years.

At Okolona, a church lot, a school property, no vestry for years.

At Corinth I believe there is a lot, nobody to represent the Church.

At Hazlehurst, a shell of a church owned by the first incorporators, and some money in somebody's hands—a Parish without possibly a legal vestry for years, if there ever was one.

At Brookhaven we have a small and unfinished church built by the zeal and faithfulness of the late Dr. Meade. This good and true Christian and Churchman has gone to his rest since we last met, and the little Church is a kind of legacy to us. It was dear to his heart. His family have moved, and I know of but one of our people in Brookhaven. I do not know where the title to the little Church is, but it ought to be cared for with double care for a good man's memory.

There was, in the absence of any other power of organization, a too great readiness, perhaps, to organize so-called "Parishes." If we adopt the organized Mission plan to be proposed, there will not hereafter be this need. But the Diocesan Trustees, (if they are not so empowered in their present character,) ought to be empowered by a special act to enter upon and dispose of abandoned and unused Church property, throughout the Diocese, at the direction of the Council.

And here let me say, that if the Bishop of the Diocese be not the President of the Diocesan Trustees he ought to be, and the

omission is an almost unexampled oversight. I can imagine no man in the Diocese as deeply concerned as he.

I have been asked several times during the past year, the incorporate name and powers of this Board, by people desiring to make their wills. I would suggest some action to make known to us all the powers and limitations of this corporation. Its charter, I think ought to be printed in the Journal.

Our Councils, as it has been remarked, "are not much more than large and woefully perplexed Finance Committees. Most of the time is taken up devising new ways to pay old debts."

Before entering on that work, and listening to the eloquent pleading of parishes and clergy to reduce assessments a dollar or two, let me, from my point of view, lay a few facts before you.

The Diocese of Mississippi, for any growth it may have in the future, as in the past, is largely dependent upon the gifts of Churchmen abroad. These have never been stinted, no matter what we may have allowed to become of them. When I was in the East, last February, asking for help to establish the Colored Mission, without a dollar given for the purpose by any of our people or Parishes, I found *four Mississippi Congregations* in the field as pleaders for Northern bounty. And every one of them has received substantial aid.

Now, I am not quite sure this persistent begging is of use to ourselves. There is an element of *pauperizing* about it which is not pleasant. But certainly the abundant gifts are given on the supposition *first*, that we are doing our best ourselves, and *secondly*, that we take honest care of them.

Are we doing all we can for ourselves? And when we remember what became of the nucleus we had for an Orphan Asylum, the gift of one Northern Diocese, in the hands of a late Treasurer of this Diocese, do we take care of what is given, or furnish encouragement to give in the future?

These things are for you to decide, brethren, and not for me. There ought to be, in the Diocese of Mississippi, men skilled in business, learned enough in the law, to invest and secure the charities of our brethren. And they ought to be willing to give a few hours out of three hundred and sixty-five days to attend to it.

A Bishop ought to be able to rely upon their advice, their integrity, and their generous aid at least in time and care. After all, *he* is but temporary. He dies and is forgotten—a mere episode in the long history of the Diocese—which is for the people and their children's children.

You will have here the usual discussions over arrearages and assessments and the support of the Episcopate and Diocesan Missions.

There will be \$3,000 required for Episcopal Fund; \$1,500 for Bishop Green Fund; \$1,800 (trustworthy) for Diocesan Missions; \$500 for Contingent Fund. In all, \$6,800, if all be promptly paid,

Now, during the past year the General Church has given us:

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| For Missions | \$1,800 |
| For Colored work..... | 2,200 |
| For Rectory of St. Peter's, Oxford..... | 550 |
| For Rectory building at Yazoo..... | 300 |
| For Greenwood Church..... | 300 |
| For Rectory at McComb..... | 343 |
| For repairs on Church and Rectory at Canton, (so far)..... | 603 |
| At Crystal Springs..... | 120 |
| For St. James', Port Gibson | 1,533 |
| For Grace | 3,000 |
| To Trinity, Pass Christian, (special)..... | 100 |
| Towards Theological Education | 400 |
| From personal friends towards help to certain Missionaries, and their expenses in going to Mission Stations, which forget to pay their rail- road fare, (a fund at my disposal from a friend) | 200 |

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In addition, one Parish has loaned at nominal interest, from the Church Building Fund Commission, \$1,500; and another, \$1,000.

Here we have received, in free will gifts from our brethren, \$4,600 more than our entire fund for the support of the Episco-

state and our Diocesan Missions! And a loan of \$2,500 more in one year!

This statement will no doubt surprise you. Perhaps this last is not the only year when some such statement might have been made had the facts been collected.

It is not right you should be ignorant of these things. They contain food for very suggestive thought as to many things that concern our Diocesan pride and our own manliness.

In this connection, and with these facts before you, you will not wonder that it is a pain and a shame to me and ought to be so you, that every Parish and every Mission in Mississippi, no matter how small or poor, does not contribute to the General Board of Missions of the Church.

If it be but a mite let it be so, but while the Church is lavishing gifts upon us, because of no deservings of ours, it ought to make our cheeks burn that congregation after congregation stand lierelict in this bounden and sacred duty.

I shall never be content till every Parish is upon the list of regular contributors to our Church Missions. We have no right to draw benefits and repudiate obligations.

The Treasury of our Missionary Board is exhausted now. And with the warmest willingness on the part of the Committee, it was impossible to pledge us anything for our colored work.

I frankly tell you that in view of what our record is in this matter, I was half ashamed to ask. I wonder at their patience with us.

Brethren, do not let a week pass. Go home and ask your people for a collection at once and send it on promptly, be it little or much.

Among the things that mark advance, is the completion of the two handsome brick Churches—one at Carrollton, entirely free from debt, the title in the Trustees, and the new St. James, Port Gibson. The first was built almost entirely by gifts from abroad. The last was largely aided by such gifts and a loan of \$1,500, which remains as a lien, from the Church Building Commission.

The Church at Greenwood was also cleared of debt by a gift through myself of \$300. The title of this is in the Trustees.

A Rectory has been built at Holly Springs, and the Church somewhat repaired. Restoration will begin soon at Canton, on Church and Rectory, which will be largely due to outside gifts. The work upon the Rectory at McComb has made it more comfortable for the devoted Missionary—here again largely helped from abroad.

The Church at Carrollton will be shortly consecrated. That at Greenwood formally opened soon. The Church at Meridian is to be finished, and a Rectory built by a loan from the Church Building Commission. At Crystal Springs a little Chapel is just completed under the care and industry of the Rev. Nelson Ayres.

We have to be thankful for an increased Clergy list also. Four brethren have left us, but nine have taken their places. I have been enabled to supply (all without services last year) Brandon, Bovina, Bolton. Raymond, Hazlehurst, Summit, Brookhaven, Crystal Springs, Carrollton, Greenwood, Iuka, Corinth, Ripley, Okolona, West Point, Water Valley, with services more or less frequent, by the help of our Diocesan Missionary Fund. You will hear the report of the Treasurer, and can see how it has been dispensed. Had we the means there would be no difficulty in obtaining men to fill our Mission posts.

In administering our Mission work and Mission means I feel that the economic law must rule, and, limited as we are, we must put both where they will do the most good. I doubt whether we are justified in continuing efforts where there is clearly no future, and where the people are not making every effort to help themselves.

The Council is really the organized Missionary Society of the Diocese, and the Committee is but its agent. There will be presented to the Council the plan of a radical change in our Missionary system. It will no doubt receive your careful attention.

Our confirmations are not so numerous as last year, but it must be remembered that this Conciliar Year is one month shorter than the last, and the Exposition, more than one would image, demoralized some of our congregations. In several cases the necessity of saving the expenses of the Exposition trip out of usual Church offerings, has been considered by some of our people a commendation.

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ble duty. In others, candidates for confirmation were absent, doing the Exposition, at the time of my visits.

It is to be hoped some compensative good, for all this, may grow out of the great Exhibition, for Mississippi.

On the whole, I think I see positive tokens of advance all along the line. There are points that are discouraging it is true. But at many points, again, there are all the evidences of power and life, and God's blessing.

Personally it has been a hard, anxious and burdened year. But you have responded nobly, and stood by the work as you pledged yourselves, in the main, and I am content and thank God that I know I now can lean upon you as loyal, loving and faithful.

Bear with me further in some plain expressions. I think the pastoral relations should be held more sacred than it commonly is. There is a power in a long pastorate which is mighty. Every year of faithful, unsullied, consecrated service is accumulated capital for a Priest. Dear friends, you mistake greatly in desiring change on either side. Let the people cling to a faithful pastor, strive hard to keep him, and let the pastor count each year a gain in which he has done faithful and contented service.

And one word on preaching. We need it very plain, and very searching, and very honest. Our people need instruction in the foundations of the Catholic Faith. The "popular Christianity" so-called about us has no vertebræ. It is usually a quivering, gelatinous mass, without form and void. Let me tell you there are thousands in our communities dissatisfied and homeless because they take this creedless, dullest, sentimental wordiness for Christianity. Never, I believe, were men more loudly called to preach doctrine, and duty, and Christianity as an organization and a law.

And Catechizing: How is it about this most bounden duty? It is a serious question whether the Sunday-school is not often, as conducted, an evil rather than a good. But no Sunday-school can take the place of the catechizing of the children openly in the Church as the Rubric requires. No other work, no matter how magnificent, can atone for a pastor's failure here. And it is a work he cannot, under penalties, commit to deputy.

While I am far from advising an offensive or repellant attitude, I believe our sole justification for being here at all is that we can show a more excellent way, and I heartily believe in a firm, kindly and positive setting forth in teaching and preaching of the reasons why we are Churchmen.

There will not come before the Council, the proposed changes in the Prayer Book, passed at the General Convention of 1883. I do not wish to forestall your action, or unduly guide it. But, for myself, I confess I have little heart for a Revised Prayer Book, which still leaves upon its title page, a clumsy and meaningless name, which was imposed upon the Church as it were by accident, and without responsibility. Till the Revolution, the Church was the Church of England. After it she became the Church in America, or the Church in these United States. I can make no other sense of it.

I am thankful that by some guiding Providence, the Diocese into which I was called to execute the office of a Bishop should have her plain, simple, clear name from the beginning, in her Constitution. "The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi"—I have a profound respect for that simple old Constitution (adopted under Bishop Otey, I suppose,) in consequence. But, in truth, we have no success with a Revised New Testament sufficient to encourage us on to a Revised Prayer Book. I see no gain in merely gratifying love of novelty, and the old Prayer Book never seemed to me to need revision, so much as it needed living up to. It has always badly needed *that*.

I am not at all disappointed at the result of our appeal for a permanent endowment. Such arrangements, as we made last year, are generally forgotten.

But in view of the facts and figures I have laid before you, you will see I think that something *ought* to be done. It is a matter about which I have not the slightest hesitancy in speaking. It can never concern me. We would be helped too, no doubt, in raising it. But I say frankly, brethren, I have great hesitancy in asking people abroad to help aid a permanent endowment for the Diocese of Mississippi, while the Diocese is quite indifferent itself.

In one of the services in the Visitation of the Sick, the Minister is ordered "not to omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability to be liberal to the poor."

It would be suggestive to enquire how many Clergymen ever think of acting on this rubric. And yet, as honest men, it would seem they ought to obey this like other laws. The truth is, brethren, the most of us are very great cowards.

But I want to call your attention to this rubric, because I am glad to tell you that in my own work this past year I have been asked about the disposal of a considerable estate for the uses of this Diocese, and think many more persons than the friend I allude to would be really glad if a clergymen would act up to his bounden duty, and make suggestions in such cases.

Many are dying every year who never did anything but devil's service with their money, and clergymen let them die, without suggestion that they might so dispose of some of it at the last as to do God service—and because these clergy are timid and untrue.

Now, dear brethren, do not understand me as complaining, or as being disappointed. My belief is our people want explanations. In some places they have been somewhat pauperized. The Church comes to them, they know not how.

They are a kindly people and a loving, generous people. The more I know them, the more I find them so. I am not a whit disappointed. They are poor, but not half as poor as they think. Last Council, you made a grand advance in your Missions. You have redeemed your pledges far beyond what I expected. And you are not exhausted. The large generous Church holds this Diocese in her arms too, and is ready to cherish it and help it, so it proves itself worth the cherishing and the helping.

And while I am upon this subject, let me say here that I propose soon to publish a card in the Church papers, requesting that no appeal from this Diocese be heeded, unless it have my recommendation.

There is no immodesty in saying that administering the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop, better than any one else, knows the needs of a particular object and its propriety and wisdom and the safety of

of the funds sent. Of course this has nothing to do with appeals to personal friends and relatives.

And, again, in a Church almost wholly built by gifts from abroad, I have been informed of a deep disgust, on the part of some few people, because the Church was thrown open for a service for colored folks.

Let me say, there is neither reason nor equity in such disgust. And if it were supposed to be, (which it is not,) the general sentiment of our people, we would plead in vain for any further aid, hereafter.

If any number of people choose to band themselves together and build a Church, they have a right to do so and though it is not Christian nor Churchly, they have the right to keep people out of their private Chapel, as they have out of their private drawing room.

But an appeal to the Church changes all that. The Church is then the house of God, and a "house of Prayer for all people," and if it were understood that black people were barred out, I question whether gifts to this Diocese for Church building, would not promptly and deservedly cease. The Church has no color line. Neither in her Canons nor in the New Testament does she draw such a line. "Our" Church is one thing. God's Church is quite another. And to build "our" Church we have no more equitable claim for aid from the Church of God than we have to build "our" houses, which, in each case, dear friends, is quite as sacred as "our" Church.

Let me speak of a Diocesan interest which, in some respects, I consider second to none. The *Church News* is not a very wonderful paper, indeed, and doesn't try to be. But it is our's, our Diocesan organ.

In the absence of Church literature among our people, and in the lack of Church knowledge it is very important. It is a monthly message to the Diocese. It is especially needed in places where there are but a few Church people, and rare services. I have been sorry to find, here and there, a little captiousness, concerning it. Fifteen years in the editorial chair taught me that no man can please everybody.

This little sheet is our official organ. The Bishops and Dioce-

san officers publish their official announcements in it. And for myself, dear brethren, I think it is very little to ask, that it be taken in every Parish. I cannot afford to keep a secretary, and it is too much to ask, that, in a life so entirely occupied, I should be required also to write letters and bulletins. Published in the official paper, I am saved that.

But how little consideration there is about such matters, you may judge from this. I arrived one day in one of the oldest parishes in the Diocese, so old I fear that the moss has grown all over it. The notice of my visit had been published for three months in the official paper, and yet in this parish, where I administered Communion to thirty people, not one knew that I was coming, and no notice had been given of services, because not one could spare a dollar for the paper.

There is a mutual obligation in our work, and really, dear friends, there ought to be a trifle of consideration in a case like this.

We have said many sweet and pleasant things about that little paper in the Council. But these do not pay the printer. He wants dollars. And now let me say here, once for all, that the *Church News* is our official bulletin, and that with this warning I must consider announcements published in it as sufficiently made, and a due notice to the Diocese.

And now, brethren, I have made you a very long speech. I must leave to your wisdom and faithfulness the matters I have brought before you.

I am looking for a year of greater work and greater success. I think every step forward has been taken to stay, and is a vantage for the future. If I have spoken plainly you will not misjudge me. I am absolutely indifferent about what concerns me individually. But I want and you want to make the Diocese of Mississippi grow. I have no use for anybody that will not help to make it grow. That is the single test of excellence with us in administration.

My diary is published monthly in the *CHURCH NEWS*. I will not go over it again here but append, by way of report to the Bishop, according to Canon, a tabulated statement of my official acts. I pray God to guide your counsels to His honor and the good of the Church, and may God bless the Diocese of Mississippi.

. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON.

SUMMARY OF THE ASSISTANT BISHOP'S OFFICIAL ACTS.

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- I Ordered Mr. Geo. L. Neide, Deacon, in St. Paul's Church, Columbus, May 11th, 1884.
- I received Mr. J. L. Lancaster, late a minister of the Presbyterian denomination, as a candidate for Orders, with full qualifications, December 1st, 1884.
- I have transferred the Rev. William Munford to the Ecclesiastic Authority of Northern Texas, and the Rev. Melville M. Moore to the Ecclesiastic Authority of Tennessee.
- I have received:—
- The Rev. Arthur N. Wrixon, from the Diocese of Nebraska.
 - “ Henry C. Mayer, from the Diocese of New York.
 - “ Edward Lewis, from the Diocese of Albany.
 - “ Robert H. Neide, from the Diocese of Pittsburg.
 - “ Nelson Ayres, from the Diocese of New York.
 - “ J. J. Clemens, from the Diocese of Texas.
 - “ Charles S. Starkweather, from Diocese of Wisconsin.
 - “ Henry Hobart TenBroeck, “ “ “
 - “ Wm. W. DeHart, from the Diocese of New York.
- I have licensed Wm. W. C. Richards, of Columbus, a Lay Reader.
- Also, Mr. J. L. Lancaster, a candidate for Orders, as Lay Reader, in Trinity Parish, Natchez.
- I have received from the Bishop of Massachusetts notice of the deposition of the Rev. Geo. Rogers Wheelock, presbyter, for causes not affecting his moral character.

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- ABERDEEN, ST. JOHN'S (Parish)—One visit. Preached twice. Confirmed *five*.
- BATESVILLE—One visit. Preached once.
- BROOKHAVEN, REDEEMER (Mission)—One visit. Preached once.
- BRANDON, ST. LUKE'S (Parish)—One visit. Preached three times. Administered Holy Communion.
- BOVINA, ST. ALBAN'S (Parish)—Two visits. Preached twice. Administered Holy Communion twice. Baptized two adults. Confirmed *four*.

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- ON, ST. MARY'S—Two visits. Preached three times. Administered Holy Communion. Baptized—two children, one adult. Confirmed *four*.
- II, REDEEMER—One visit. Preached once. Administered Holy Communion. Confirmed *sixteen*.
- ST. LOUIS, GRACE—One visit. Preached once. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *two*.
- MBUS, ST. PAUL'S (Parish)—Four Visits. Read Prayers six times. Preached six times. Celebrated Holy Communion three times. Married one couple. Confirmed *two*.
- ON, ST. MATTHEW'S (Parish)—One visit. Preached once.
- ON, GRACE (Parish)—One visit. Preached three times. Celebrated Holy Communion.
- IMO, EPIPHANY—One visit. Preached once. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *one*.
- OLLTON, GRACE—Two visits. Preached twice. Confirmed *two*.
- , HOLY INNOCENTS—One visit. Preached.
- EAL SPRINGS (Mission)—One visit. Preached.
- OND PLACE, COMMUNION (Mission)—Preached. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *three*.
- GROVE—One visit. Preached. Celebrated Holy Communion.
- RPRISE, (Mission)—One visit. Preached twice.
- D GULF, ST. PAUL'S—One visit. Preached once. Confirmed *one*.
- ADA, ALL SAINTS (Parish)—Three visits. Read Prayers six times. Preached four times. Confirmed *two*.
- NVILLE, ST. JAMES' (Parish)—Two visits. Read Prayer's twice. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *four*.
- NWOOD—Two visits. Read Prayers once. Preached three times. Baptized, one adult. Confirmed *two*.
- Y SPRINGS, CHRIST (Parish)—Three visits. Preached five times. Celebrated Holy Communion three times. Confirmed *five*.
- EHURST, ST. STEPHEN'S (Parish)—Two visits. Preached twice. Administered Holy Communion.
- ANDO (Parish)—Two visits. Preached five times. Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *one*.
- SON, ST. ANDREW'S (Parish)—Two visits. One at Convocation. Gave three Conferences. Preached five times. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *four*.
- SONVILLE—One visit. Read Prayers twice. Preached twice. Baptized five children. Confirmed *five*.
- USKO—One visit. Preached once. Confirmed *three*.
- GTON—One visit. Preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *three*.
- GSTON—Two visits. Preached twice. Confirmed *one*.
- ON—One visit. Preached three times. Administered Holy Communion

MADISON COUNTY, HOLY CROSS—One visit. Preached. Confirmed *one*.

MADISON STATION—Preached once. Confirmed *one*.

MAGNOLIA—One visit. Read Prayers. Preached.

MERIDIAN, MEDIATOR (Parish)—Two visits. Read Prayers twice. Preached four times. Celebrated Holy Communion. Married one couple. Confirmed *two*.

MCCOMB—Two visits. Preached twice. Confirmed *two*.

NATCHEZ, TRINITY (Parish)—Two visits. Preached four times. Administered Holy Communion twice. Confirmed on two occasions *twenty-two*.

OSYKA, CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, (Parish)—One visit. Preached once.

OKOLONA—Two visits. Preached three times. Read Prayers once. Celebrated Holy Communion.

OXFORD, ST. PETER'S (Parish)—Preached twelve times. Celebrated Holy Communion four times. Baptized one infant. Confirmed *fourteen*.

PASS CHRISTIAN, TRINITY (Parish)—Three visits. Read Prayers once. Preached seven times (three at Convocation.) Celebrated Holy Communion twice. Confirmed *fifteen*.

PORT GIBSON, ST. JAMES' (Parish)—Two visits. Laid corner stone. Made an address. Preached once. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *six*.

RAYMOND, ST. MARK'S (Parish)—Two visits. Read Prayers twice. Preached four times.

ROLLING FORK, CHAPEL OF THE CROSS (Mission)—One visit. Preached twice. Confirmed *five*.

ROSEDALE—One visit. Read Prayers. Preached, Celebrated Holy Communion. Baptized one child. Confirmed *three*.

SARDIS, REDEEMER—One visit. Preached.

SHUQUALAK—One visit. Preached. Confirmed *one*.

SCOوبا—One visit. Read Prayers. Preached. Administered Holy Communion. Baptized one adult. Confirmed *one*.

SUMMIT, CHRIST (Parish)—One visit. Preached.

TERRY, GOOD SHEPHERD (Parish)—One visit. Preached.

VICKSBURG, CHRIST (Parish)—One visit. Addressed children. Confirmed *five*.

HOLY TRINITY (Parish)—Two visits. Preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *six*.

ST. MARY'S (Colored Mission)—Addressed once in Christ Church. Preached once in temporary chapel.

VAIDEN, ST. CLEMENT'S (Parish)—Two visits. Preached three times. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *two*.

WATER VALLEY, NATIVITY (Parish)—One visit. Preached.

WOODVILLE, ST. PAUL'S (Parish)—One visit. Preached twice. Confirmed *twelve*.

WEST POINT (Mission)—One visit. Preached once.

WINONA, EMMANUEL (Parish)—One visit. Preached.

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YAZOO CITY, TRINITY—One visit. Preached twice. Celebrated Holy Communion. Confirmed *six*.

In other Dioceses.

I have also officiated out of the Diocese as follows: Baptized one infant, my grand child, in the Diocese of New York. Celebrated one marriage in All Saint's Cathedral, in the Diocese of Wisconsin. Officiated at one funeral in the Diocese of North Carolina. Preached once in the same Diocese, and read Prayers every Sunday during eight Sundays. Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, once. In Christ Church, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, in St. James' Church, New York, preached. In St. Luke's and St. Stephen's, Philadelphia. In the Memorial Church, in the Ascension and Emmanuel, Baltimore. In St. Peter's and St. Paul's Albany.

I also delivered several addresses and lectures.

Recapitulation.

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| Sermons, in the Diocese, 128; out of the Diocese 12..... | 140 |
| Celebrated Holy Communions,..... | 39 |
| Baptized, in the Diocese, 5 adults; 9 infants..... | 14 |
| " out of the Diocese, infants..... | 1 |
| Confirmed, | 174 |
| Married, in the Diocese, 2; out of the Diocese 1..... | 3. |

APPENDIX.

PAROGHIAL REPORTS.

ABERDEEN, *St. John's*—I. N. Marks, Jr., Rector.

Q. O. Eckford, J. W. Eckford, Wardens.

Families, 48; Souls, 163; Baptisms: Infants, 17; Confirmations, 5; Communicants, last report, 65; Added 10; Lost, 3; Present number, 72; Communicants during the past year, 43. Celebrations Holy Communion, 20; Church Services, Sunday, 104; Other days, 58; Marriages, 1; Burials, 7; Sunday-school Teachers, 8; Pupils, 65; Contributions, \$1675. Value of Church Property \$7,000. Debt, \$1200.

BILLOXI, *Church of the Redeemer*—R. G. Hinsdale, Rector.

Jas. Maycock, A. Kornman, Wardens.

Families, 60; Souls, 396; Baptisms, 21; Confirmations, 16; Communicants, 107; Celebrations Holy Communion, 17; Church Services, Sundays, 86; and all other Holy Days. Marriages, 3; Burials 12; Sunday-school Teachers, 10; Pupils, 74. Young Ladies Guild. Young Men's Guild. Contributions, \$2087 90. Value Church Property, \$3000. No debt.

BOVINA, *St. Alban's*—J. J. Clemens, Rector.

Henry P. Noland, Jno. Bell, Wardens.

Families, 17; Souls, 79; Baptisms, 2; Confirmations, 3; Communicants, 33; Celebrations Holy Communion, 7; Church Services, 9; Marriages, 1;

Sunday-school Teachers, 3; Pupils, 10. Contributions, \$189. Value of Church Property, \$1000.

BRANDON, *St. Luke's*—J. J. Clemens, Rector.

P. Henry, Senior Warden.

Families, 15; Souls, 70; Baptisms, 1; Confirmations, 4; Communicants, 39; Celebrations Holy Communion, 14; Church Services, 57; Sunday-school Teachers, 7; Pupils, 36, Parish School Teachers, 1; Pupils, 5. Contributions, \$288 79. Value of Church Property, \$6000.

CANTON, *Grace Church*—Jos. E. Martin, Rector.

Wm. Priestley, C. S. Priestley, Wardens.

Families, 26; Souls, 150; Baptisms, 13; Confirmations, 2; Communicants, 65; Celebrations Holy Communion, 29; Church Services, 170; Marriages, 3; Burials, 5; Sunday-school Teachers, 5; Pupils, 60. Contributions, \$1218 85. Value Church Property, \$3500.

CHURCH HILL, *Church Hill*—Jas. S. Johnston, Senior Warden.

Families, 20; Souls, 100; Baptisms, 6; Communicants, 40; Celebrations Holy Communion, 1; Church Services, Lay Readings, Sundays from May 1st to October, 1884. Marriages, 2; Burials, 3. Contributions, \$58 40. Value Church Property, \$10,000.

CARROLLTON, *Grace Church*—H. H. TenBroeck, Rector.

H. S. Lander, Senior Warden.

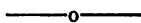
Families, 11; Souls, 49; Communicants, 16; Celebrations Holy Communion, 3; Church Services, 20; Sunday-school Teachers, 4; Pupils, 18. Contributions, \$59 80. Value of Church Property, \$3300. Debt, \$30.

COLUMBUS, *St. Paul's*—Wm. W. DeHart, Rector.

J. J. Sherman, Chas. H. Cocke, Wardens.

Families, 62; Souls, 205; Baptisms, 17; Communicants, 90; Celebra-

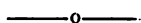
nion, 6; Church Services, 46; Burials, 1. Contributions, \$8 80. Value of Church Property, \$500.



LEXINGTON, *St. Mary's*—R. Halstead, Rector.

Jas. T. Meade, Geo. C. Phillips, Wardens.

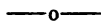
Families, 9; Souls, 56; Baptisms, 13; Confirmations, 9; Communicants, 22; Celebrations Holy Communion, 12; Church Services, 45; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Sunday-school Teachers, 3; Pupils, 20. Contributions, \$290 55. Value of Church Property, \$2500.



MACON, *Church of the Nativity*—G. W. Sinclair Ayres, Rector.

Jas. B. Shelton, Junior Warden.

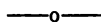
Families, 16; Souls, 70; Baptisms, 10; Confirmations, 2; Communicants, 36; Celebrations Holy Communion, 12; Church Services, 117; Marriages, 1; Burials, 3; Sunday-school Teachers, 7; Pupils, 35. Contributions, \$832 95. Value Church Property, \$2500. Debt, \$5 75.



MADISON STATION, *Chapel of the Cross*—Geo. Carroll Harris, s.t.d. Rector.

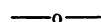
T. B. Dewees, R. W. Rowland, Wardens.

Families, 12; Souls, 100; Baptisms, 4; Confirmations, 4; Communicants, 27; Celebrations Holy Communion, 43; Church Services, 62; Marriages, 1; Burials, 4. Contributions, \$110 90.



McCOMB, *Church of the Mediator*—Upton B. Bowden, Missionary.

Families, 26; Souls, 100; Baptisms, 9; Confirmations, 3; Communicants, 24; Celebrations of Holy Communion, 21; Church Services, 101; Marriages, 1; Burials, 7; Sunday-school Teachers, 4; Pupils, 30. Contributions, \$322 85. Value of Church Property, \$3000; Debt, \$33.



MAGNOLIA, *Church of the Redeemer*—Upton B. Bowden, Missionary.

Families, 5; Souls, 30; Communicants, 21; Celebrations Holy Communion, 11; Church Services, 49; Sunday-school Teachers, 2; Pupils, 14. Contributions, \$60; Value of Church Property, \$1500.

MERIDIAN, *Church of the Mediator*—C. S. Starkweather, Rector.

J. B. Mortimore, J. G. O'Farrell, Wardens.

Families, 51; Souls, 218; Baptisms, 1; Confirmations, 2; Communicants, 90; Celebrations of Holy Communion, 13; Church Services, 74; Marriages, 2; Burials, 10; Sunday-school Teachers, 7; Pupils, 60. Contributions, \$44 80. Value of Church Property, \$4000.

NATCHEZ, *Trinity Church*—Alex. Marks, Rector.

Jos. D. Shields, Jno. Rawle, Wardens.

Families, 133; Souls, 600; Baptisms, 21; Confirmations, 22; Communicants, 227; Celebrations Holy Communion, 23; Church Services, 365; Marriages, 7; Burials, 20; Sunday-school Teachers, 16; Pupils, 120. Contributions \$4673 19. Value Church Property, \$26,500.

NEWTOWN, *Chapel of the Holy Communion*—E. C. Laughlin, Jr., Rector.

Families, 10; Souls, 40; Baptisms, 5; Confirmations, 3; Communicants, 13; Celebrations Holy Communion, 4; Church Services, often as possible. Contributions, \$99 70.

OKOLONA, *Grace Mission*—G. W. S. Ayres, Rector.

Families, 5; Souls, 24; Communicants, 9; Celebration Holy Communion, 1; Church Services, 8; Sunday-school Teachers, 6; Pupils, 55; Contributions, \$77 50. Value Church Property, \$1200.

OXFORD, *St. Peter's*—Edward Lewis, Dean.

P. H. Skipwith, W. B. Pegues, Wardens.

Families, 31; Souls, 136; Baptisms, 3; Confirmations, 13; Communicants, 73; Celebrations Holy Communion, 60; Church Services, 341; Sunday-school Teachers, 5; Pupils, 30; Ladies Aid Society. Children's Guild of St. Peter's. Guild of St. Andrew's. Contributions, \$1961 42. Value Church Property, \$10,500.

PASS CHRISTIAN, *Trinity Church*—Henry C. Mayer, Rector.

Geo. F. Sherman, F. B. Heirn, Wardens.

Families, 69; Souls, 302; Baptisms, 20; Confirmations, 15; Communicants, 62; Celebrations Holy Communion, 15; Church Services, 146; Marriages, 1; Burials, 9; Sunday-school Teachers, 8; Pupils, 53. Contributions, \$1087 55. Value Church Property, \$2000.

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PORT GIBSON, *St. James*—Nowell Logan, Rector.

Wm. Myles, N. S. Walker, Wardens.

Families 42; Souls, 248; Baptisms, 5; Confirmations, 7; Communicants, 56; Celebrations Holy Communion, 15; Church Services, 124; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Sunday-school Teachers, 7; Pupils, 32; Contributions, \$4548 30. Value Church Property, \$7000. Debt, \$1526.

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ROLLING FORK—Geo. C. Harris, Rector.

Families, 8; Souls, 50; Baptisms, 4; Confirmations, 5; Communicants, 16; Celebrations Holy Communion, 2; Church Services, 14; Burials, 3; Ladies Aid Society. Contributions, \$55 80.

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SARDIS, *Redeemer*—E. Hamvasy, Rector.

Morgan Adams, W. D. Miller, Wardens.

Families, 4; Souls, 20; Communicants, 14; Celebrations Holy Communion, 5; Church Services, 51; Marriages, 1; Contributions, \$149 80. Value Church Property, \$3000.

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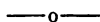
ST. ELMO, *Epiphany*—Nowell Logan, Rector.

W. P. Hughes, Thos. T. Aby, Wardens.

Families, 15; Souls, 62; Baptisms, 3; Confirmations, 1; Communicants, 22; Celebrations Holy Communion, 5; Church Services, 19; Marriages, 1; Burials, 4; Contributions, \$89 20. Value Church Property, \$2000. Debt, \$60.

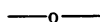
TERRY, *Good Shepherd*—Upton B. Bowden, Rector.

Families 10; Souls, 40; Confirmations, 1; Communicants, 17; Celebrations Holy Communion, 10; Church Services, 25; Marriages, 1; Burials, 2; Sunday-school Teachers, 4; Pupils, 25. Contributions, \$147 25. Value Church Property, \$2000.

VAIDEN, *St. Clements*—W. P. Browne, Rector.

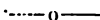
R. R. Hawkins, S. E. McConico, Wardens.

Families, 7; Souls, 31; Baptisms, 2; Confirmations, 4; Communicants, 19; Celebrations Holy Communion, 13; Church Services, 70; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Sunday-school Teachers, 4; Pupils, 14. Contributions, \$411 80. Value Church Property, \$2100.

VICKSBURG, *Christ Church*—Henry Sansom, Rector.

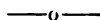
E. D. Farrar, J. F. Baum, Wardens.

Families, 120; Baptisms, 21; Confirmations, 10; Communicants, 165; Celebrations Holy Communion, 18; Church Services, 268; Marriages, 10; Burials, 22; Sunday-school Teachers, 21; Pupils, 175. Contributions, \$2922 45. Value Church Property, \$20,000.

VICKSBURG, *Holy Trinity*—W. F. Adams, Rector.

G. W. Howard, Murray F. Smith, Wardens.

Families, 75; Souls, 300; Baptisms, 16; Confirmations, 6; Communicants, 137; Celebrations Holy Communion, 20; Church Services, 220; Marriages, 5; Burials, 10; Sunday-school Teachers, 6; Pupils, 75. Contributions, \$5798 40.



WEST POINT—G. W. Sinclair Ayres, Rector.

Families, 11; Souls, 35; Communicants, 18; Celebrations Holy Communion, 2; Church Services, 12; Sunday-school Teachers, 1; Pupils, 11; Contributions, \$40 25.

The Diocese of Mississippi.

WINONA, *Immanuel*—W. P. Browne, Rector.

Frank Hawkins, J. C. Purnell, Wardens,

Families, 12; Souls, 60; Baptisms, 3; Communicants, 23; Celebrations Holy Communion, 12; Church Services, 97; Burials, 3; Sunday-school Teachers, 6; Pupils, 30. Contributions, \$689 95; Value Church Property, \$6000.

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WOODVILLE, *St. Paul's*—J. W. Turner, Rector.

T. V. Noland, Geo. F. Smith, Wardens.

Families, 60; Souls, 263; Baptisms, 5; Confirmations, 12; Communicants, 75; Celebrations Holy Communion, 11; Church Services, 89; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Sunday-school Teachers, 8; Pupils, 73. Contributions, \$893. Value Church Property, \$7500.

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YAZOO CITY, *Trinity*—W. C. McCracken, Rector.

R. C. Smith, J. C. Moore, Wardens.

Families, 43; Souls, 175; Baptisms, infants, 5; Adults, 1; Communicants 48; Communicated past year, 48; Celebrations Holy Communion, 17; Church Services, 197; Marriages, 4; Burials, 8; Sunday-school Teachers, 10. Pupils, 40. Contributions, \$1438. Debt, \$800.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that in looking over the record of the past year, as presented by the addresses of the Bishops, and the Parochial reports, it finds much cause for congratulating the Council upon the marked progress of the Church in this Diocese during the last Conciliar year. While there are plans and hopes which, from causes beyond our control, have not been carried into execution or borne fruit, upon the whole the year has been one of advancement and supplies just ground for encouragement.

First amongst the causes of congratulation is the fact that the life of our venerable and beloved Bishop has been spared, and that we are privileged once again to receive his benediction upon the labors of the Council.

Among the most encouraging features of the Church, is the additions that have been made within the past year to the ranks of the Clergy, and the consequent strengthening of things which were ready to die, in many Parishes and Mission Stations, which were vacant and suffering for the lack of the ministrations of the Church. And we are cheered with the hope of not only seeing *new life* infused into decaying organizations, but also of advancing and occupying *new fields* which are now opening before us.

Amongst the grounds for discouragement is the fact that the Diocese covers an area more than equal to all the New England States, except Maine, and although new modes of travel are being opened, still it is utterly impossible to give to so great a territory efficient Episcopal supervision. At best the Bishop can remain but a short time at each of the principal towns, while the country neighborhoods, where there are scattered church families, cannot expect to receive the encouragement which his presence inspires. The best that can be done for these lost sheep is the occasional presence of a clergyman, but such infrequent visitations do not build up Mission Stations or Parishes. It is only by the maintainance of

uninterrupted services, and by never closing the Church doors upon a service day, that we can hope to seize upon and occupy the goodly field to which our clergy are assigned, in the good providence of God, as the Shepherds of the sheep, that we can look for a permanent ingathering of our people. The burning question is, how shall this want of Clergy be supplied (even if we had the means to support them, the men are not at hand for the work. Where shall we turn to find them?) If it were only customary for our intelligent laymen to keep up the services of the Church, in the absence of a clergyman, a great step in advance would at once be gained, but, unfortunately, little effort seems to be made to secure the services of lay readers, and as a consequence, when once the door of a Mission church is closed nothing less than the strong hand of a Bishop can re-open it. The importance of the office of lay reader, does not seem to be appreciated by either the Clergy or people. Men who are capable do not seek the appointment because it seems like thrusting themselves forward into an office the sacredness of which appals them. We respectfully urge the importance of securing the services of qualified laymen in each Parish and Mission Station, to perform the duties of lay readers, and that the clergy teach their people that wherever the true incense of the heart is offered, either by Priest or Lay Reader, it is acceptable to God.

Situated as we are in the midst of a colored population, exceeding in numbers that of the whites, perhaps the most cheering view of our work is the *unmistakable evidence* that has been lately given in various parts of the Diocese, of an earnest desire on the part of this people for the services of the Church. A great and effectual door seems to be opening before us in this direction, into which it is certainly the duty of the Church to enter, and to give to this part of our population that sober, spiritual instruction, and those means of grace which the Church alone provides. It is gratifying to know that in several instances applications have been made by numbers of these people to be taken under the guidance of the Church. In a most remarkable manner has this interest been developed within the past year in the city of Vicksburg. Not more than three months ago a communication from more than sixty of the most intelligent of the colored population of that city was sent to the Rector of one of its parishes, requesting religious instruction, and to be organized as a congregation of the Church. This seemed to be a Providential opening into a field which had been too long neglected, and into which our Assistant Bishop promptly entered, and immediately commenced work in earnest; supplying a missionary who is giving his services exclusively to this work, and already the Parish of St. Mary's Church is rapidly rising in the most central portion of the city, and the faithful Priest has under his instruction a large class of candidates for the holy rite of Confirmation. This breaking forth from amidst the dark cloud which has hung over these people, since their

enfranchisement, of a bright ray of promise, not only affords ground for encouragement, but it also brings us face to face with the great duty of supporting the Bishop in his undertaking. This support must be not only moral, but *material*. The Diocese must uphold his hands and help him to push forward the good work so auspiciously begun. We would not disparage the importance of Foreign Missions, nor do anything to divert the contributions of the Church for converting the heathen, but we must "begin at Jerusalem," and give our most active exertions and liberal offerings to the conversion of Africa at home.

The reports of fifteen Parishes and twelve Missions had not been placed in the hands of your Committee at the time when the following statistical table was prepared, thereby rendering it practically useless for the purposes for which it is intended. We recommend that this table be completed by the Secretary of the Council for publication in the Journal. In this connection we recommend that in the proposed new Canons provision be made for requiring these reports to be placed in the hands of the Bishop prior to the assembling of the Council.

The following are the Statistics compiled from the reports in the hands of the Committee:

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| Number of Parishes reported..... | 30 |
| " Missions " | 7 |
| " Families " | 1102 |
| " Souls..... | 4576 |
| " Baptisms..... | 255 |
| " Confirmations | 151 |
| " Communicants..... | 1980 |
| " Marriages..... | 66 |
| " Burials..... | 161 |
| " Sunday-school Teachers..... | 204 |
| " " Scholars | 1403 |
| " Churches and Chapels..... | 35 |
| " Rectories..... | 12 |

Financial.

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Aggregate Collections and Contributions..... | \$39,443 00 |
| Value of Churches..... | 217,900 00 |
| " Rectories..... | 38,100 00 |
| " Other Church Property..... | 5,955 90 |
| Debt reported | 2,502 75 |

Your Committee are impressed with the many defects in the form of Parochial reports now in use, and recommend that the following form be substituted:

Parochial Report.

The Parish, or Mission of.....Post-Office,.....
 County of....., respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of
 the Diocese, for the year ending.....18..

Rector.....

Senior Warden..... Junior Warden.....

No. of Families; No. of Confirmed members in the Parish.....;
 No. Baptized: Infants,.....; Adults,; No. of Communicants last
 report,.....; No. Added.....; No. Lost,.....; By Removal,.....;
 By Death,; Present number of Communicants,; No. of
 actual Communicants,; Confirmations,.....; Celebrations of
 Holy Communion: Public.....; Private.....; Church Services: Sun-
 days,.....; Other Days,.....; Marriages,; Burials,.....;
 Sunday-school Teachers.....; S. S. Scholars,.....;

" " " Col..... " " Col.....;

Parish School.....Teachers; Pupils;W.;Col.

Other Parish Institutions:

Financial Statement.

Parochial—Com. Alms

Offerings for Current Expenses.....

Sunday-school Offerings

Contributions for Special Objects

Parochial Societies and Guilds—

Miscellaneous

Diocesan—For the Episcopate.....

Contingent Fund

Diocesan Missions.....

Offerings for Special objects.....

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General--Domestic Missions.....; Foreign Missions.....

Miscellaneous.....

Amount Received.....

Amount Paid out.....

Amount on hand.....

Churches and Chapels.....—Value \$.....

Parish Buildings,..... "

Other Church Property..... "

Debt—including deficits in Assessments and Salaries.....

In whom is the title to the property vested:

I certify the above to be correct,

Rector, Warden or Secretary of the Parish.

Dated,.....A. D. 188...

Remarks:

In summing up our report, your Committee feels that we have abundant reason to "thank God and take courage." Throughout the Diocese there are cheering signs of vitality. The finances are in a better condition than they have been for many years. The vacant posts are being occupied and the services of the Church are being held at more points than at any previous period in our history as a Diocese. The indications are that "the night is far spent, and the day is at hand," let us therefore, "gird up our loins," and enter vigorously upon the great work which is opening before us, whilst we earnestly pray God to hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of his dear Son.

Respectfully submitted,

H. SANSOM, Chairman.
B. HALSTEAD,
W. P. BROWNE,
ROBERT HOWLAND NEIDE,
EDWARD LEWIS,
FREDERIC SPEED.

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REPORT OF THE

COLLECTOR OF THE BISHOP GREEN FUND.

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The REV. MELVILLE M. MOORE, Collector,

In Acct. with BISHOP GREEN FUND, for the year 1884.

1884.

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| Jan. 1—To amount on hand by last report..... | \$14 86 |
| Oct. 15—To annual subscriptions paid in to this date..... | 1,543 50 |
| Oct. 15—To amount received through the "Living Church." and from other sources, as gifts to the Fund..... | 726 41 |

\$2,284 77

CREDIT.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| April 26—By amount paid Bishop Green on arrearages for 1883, and in full for 1884 to this date..... | \$1,045 00 |
| Oct. 15—By amount remitted L. M. Tucker, Diocesan Treasurer, and paid him at Council..... | 1,193 65 |
| Oct. 15—By expense account to date. | 26 12 |
| Oct. 15—By remitted Diocesan Treasurer, account All Saints' Parish, Grenada, sent this collector in error..... | 20 00 |
| E. & O. E. | \$2,284 77 |
| 1885. | |
| May 6—To subscriptions and donations from October 15, 1884, to date..... | \$952 58 |

CONTRA.

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| May 6—By cash paid L. M. Tacker, Treasurer to date..... | 824 25 |
| “ “ “ Bishop Green, (special donation)..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ “ For Stationery and postage..... | 11 85 |
| “ Balance, cash on hand..... | 106 48 |
| | \$952 58 |

In submitting the above statement of receipts and disbursements, the collector begs to remark that although the stipend of the Bishop is paid in full to date, that is to say for the two first quarters of the current year) and he has on hand the sum of \$106 48, it must not be forgotten that a large number of subscribers have paid in advance and the money so received applied to the payments already made, so that the collector is in reality short on those payments, and unless the large list of arrearages be reduced it will be necessary to increase the list of subscribers, in order to keep up the Fund. It will be seen by reference to the Journal of last year that the former collector reports in full to may 7th, the date of the Council. In his first report, however, he goes back to January 1, 1884, makes a statement from that date to the date of his resignation (or October 15, 1884.) The report of the present Committee begin with that date.

The total subscription list amounts to \$1,784.00.

Of which sum \$332 50 is in arrears for this year. The Collector has paid in advance \$156.00 represented by the \$106.48 reported in his hands as above.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NOWELL LOGAN.

Collector.

PORT GIBSON, May 5th, 1885.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE TO
THE COUNCIL.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| To balance May, 1884,..... | \$1,493 20 |
| Received from Parishes..... | 2519 35 |
| Received from Trustees of Episcopal Fund and Church Property: | |
| Loan | \$600 00 |
| Assessment..... | 200 00 |
| | <hr/> 800 00 |
| Received from Treasurer of "Living Church" Fund,..... | 516 41 |
| | <hr/> \$5,328 96 |
| By amounts remitted to account of Bishop Thompson, \$5,200 00 | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands..... | 128 96 |
| | <hr/> \$5,328 96 |

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REPORT OF THE
TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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Q. O. ECKFORD. Treasurer of the

Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Amount received, all sources,..... | \$3,106 80 |
| Amount invested, | \$1,600 00 |
| " expended..... | 447 14 |
| " balance on hand..... | 2,059 66 |
| | <hr/> \$3,106 80 |

THE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

| | Ass'm't '85 | COSTING. |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Aberdeen | \$110 00 | \$7 70 |
| Bay St. Louis | 14 00 | 3 10 |
| Biloxi | 55 00 | 3 85 |
| Bolton | 33 00 | 2 35 |
| Bovina | 33 00 | 2 35 |
| Brandon | 17 00 | 1 20 |
| Brookhaven | 6 00 | 45 |
| Canton | 66 00 | 4 65 |
| Carrollton | 17 00 | 1 20 |
| Church Hill | 44 00 | 3 10 |
| Clinton | 17 00 | 1 20 |
| Columbus | 165 00 | 11 55 |
| Como | 44 00 | 3 10 |
| Corinth | 6 00 | 45 |
| Crystal Springs | 11 00 | 80 |
| Dry Grove | 10 00 | 70 |
| Early Grove | 11 00 | 80 |
| Enterprise | 39 00 | 2 75 |
| Greenville | 110 00 | 7 70 |
| Greenwood | 22 00 | 1 55 |
| Grenada | 83 00 | 5 80 |
| Hazlehurst | 22 00 | 1 55 |
| Hernando | 11 00 | 80 |
| Holly Springs | 72 00 | 5 05 |
| Iuka | 11 00 | 80 |
| Jackson | 292 00 | 20 45 |
| Johnsonville | 6 00 | 45 |
| Kirkwood | 6 00 | 45 |
| Lamar | 17 00 | 1 20 |
| Lexington | 33 00 | 2 35 |
| Macon | 44 00 | 3 10 |
| Madison County | 44 00 | 3 10 |
| Magnolia | 11 00 | 80 |
| McComb | 33 00 | 2 35 |
| Meridian | 83 00 | 5 80 |
| Mississippi City | 11 00 | 80 |
| Natchez | 352 00 | 24 65 |
| Newtown | 17 00 | 1 20 |
| Okolona | 6 00 | 45 |
| Osyku | 6 00 | 50 |
| Oxford | 55 00 | 3 85 |
| Pass Christian | 83 00 | 5 80 |
| Port Gibson | 55 00 | 4 00 |
| Raymond | 28 00 | 2 00 |
| Rolling Fork | 28 00 | 2 00 |
| Rosedale | 11 00 | 80 |
| Sardis | 28 00 | 2 00 |

ASSESTMENT ROLL—CONTINUED.

| | Ass't '85 | CONT'NG'NT |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Scooba | 11 00 | 80 |
| St. Elmo | 22 00 | 1 55 |
| Summit | 22 00 | 1 55 |
| Terry | 33 00 | 2 50 |
| Vainden | 22 00 | 1 55 |
| Vicksburg, Christ Church | 200 00 | 14 00 |
| " Holy Trinity | 250 00 | 17 50 |
| Water Valley | 6 00 | 50 |
| West Point | 20 00 | 1 40 |
| Winona | 44 00 | 3 10 |
| Woodville | 110 00 | 7 70 |
| Yazoo City | 83 00 | 5 80 |
| | \$3131 00 | |

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

THURSDAY, May 8th, A. D. 1885.

A large number of the Clergy and laity assembled at 7:30 P. M., for the Annual Missionary meeting: the venerable Bishop of the Diocese presiding. After prayers, the Assistant Bishop addressed the meeting reviewing the work of the past year, and stating the wants of the Committee for the year to come. The Secretary of the Committee then read the annual report. as follows:

**Report of the Missionary Committee for the year ending
May 6th, 1885.**

It is with unfeigned thanks, and humble gratitude to Almighty God, that your Committee present their report of the Missionary work of the Diocese for the year just closed.

It will be remembered that at the last Council a Missionary meeting was held, at which for the first time in our Diocese, was tried the plan of calling for voluntary contributions, or pledges, for the maintenance of Diocesan Missions. Nobly did the Parishes respond, and before the adjournment of the Council the sum of \$2,000 was promised the Committee. The report of the Treasurer shows how that promise has been kept, and judging the future by the past the Committee feel—and have cause to feel—full of hope.

As the result of this liberal action on the part of the Parishes the Committee present this brief sketch of their operations during the past year; referring for details and figures to the report of their Treasurer, also submitted herewith. At the beginning of the Conciliar year we had no Diocesan Missions. We have now nine Missionaries in the field receiving annual stipends from the Committee of from \$50 to \$200 each, namely:

The Rev. Jno. T. Hargrave, Holly Springs, appointed May 1, 1884.

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|---|-------------------|------------------|---|---------|---|
| " | W. P. Browne, | Winona, &c., | " | " | " |
| " | Upton B. Bowden, | Summit, &c., | " | " | " |
| " | Arthur N. Wrixon, | Iuka, &c., | " | " | " |
| " | Geo. L. Neide, | Bay St. Louis, | " | " | " |
| " | Nelson Ayres, | Vicksburg, | " | Nov. 1, | " |
| " | J. J. Clemens, | Brandon, &c., | " | " | " |
| " | H. H. Ten Broeck, | Carrollton, &c., | " | " | " |
| " | Edw. Lewis, | Oxford, &c., | " | " | " |

Mr. J. L. Lancaster, a candidate for Holy Orders has been also on the roll of the Committee. Missions have been established upon the several lines of railroad, and wherever else two or more stations could be advantageously united under one charge: about seventeen places being thus supplied. Fully appreciating the advantages possessed by him for ascertaining the wants of the Diocese, and having implicit confidence in his judgment, the Committee have left the details of their work entirely with their chairman, whose report as Assistant Bishop and administrator of the Diocese embraces also our Missionary operations. None of the thirty-seven clergymen now at work in the Diocese are Diocesan Missionaries. Largely through their instrumentality the Church in Mississippi is to-day stronger than ever before, and for the first time in its history the Missionary work of the Diocese has become a reality and a power. It remains for you to sustain this power and extend this influence, and the Committee do not for a moment doubt that you will do it.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NOWELL LOGAN,

Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Committee then made his report showing receipts for the past year \$1,742.00 and disbursements \$1,588.70 leaving a balance in his hands of \$666.75. Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Harris, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Adams and the Rev. Alex. Marks. The roll of Parishes was called and the sum of \$2,010.50 was pledged for the work of the Diocesan Missionary Committee for the current year. After receiving the offerings of the congregation, and the singing of the "Gloria in Excelsis" the Assistant Bishop pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

NOWELL LOGAN,

Secretary.

LIST OF PLEDGES TO DIOCESAN MISSIONS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Natchez, May 7th, 1885.

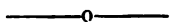
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| Aberdeen, St. James..... | \$100 00 | Magnolia, Redeemer, | |
| " " S. School | 5 00 | (Mission) | 5 00 |
| Batesville, St. Stephens | | McComb, Mediator, | |
| (Mission) | 8 00 | (Mission)..... | 8 00 |
| Brandon, St. Luke's..... | 25 00 | Meridian, Mediator, | 50 00 |
| Biloxi, Redeemer | 75 00 | Natchez, Trinity, | 200 00 |
| Bolton, St. Mary's..... | 15 00 | " " S. School.. | 50 00 |
| Bovina, St. Alban's..... | 5 00 | Okolona, Grace | 10 00 |
| Brookhaven, Redeemer, | | Osyka, Our Savior, (Miss'n) | 5 00 |
| (Mission)..... | 5 00 | Oxford, St. Peter's..... | 50 00 |
| Canton, Grace..... | 75 00 | Pass Christian, Trinity..... | 60 00 |
| Carrollton, Grace | 5 00 | Port Gibson, St. James'..... | 25 00 |
| Clinton, St. Matthew's..... | 5 00 | Raymond, St. Mark's..... | 10 00 |
| Church Hill, Christ Ch..... | 10 00 | Rolling Fork, Chap. Cross, | |
| Columbus, St. Paul's | 100 00 | (Mission)..... | 25 00 |
| " " S. Sch. | 5 00 | Rosedale, Grace | 8 00 |
| Como, Holy Innocents..... | 5 00 | Sardis, Redeemer | 5 00 |
| Enterprise, St. Mary's..... | 15 00 | St. Elmo, Epiphany | 10 00 |
| " " S. S. | 5 00 | Scooba, Grace, (Mission).. | 10 00 |
| Grenada, All Saints | 25 00 | Summit, Christ Church..... | 5 00 |
| Greenville, St. James' | 50 00 | Terry, Good Shepherd..... | 25 00 |
| " " S. Sch | 10 00 | Vaiden, St. Clements..... | 25 00 |
| Greenwood, Nativity | 10 00 | Vicksburg, Holy Trinity,.... | 150 00 |
| Hazlehurst, St. Stephens. . | 5 00 | " Christ Church, | 50 00 |
| Hernando, Ascension | | " St. Mary's..... | 20 00 |
| (Mission)..... | 5 00 | Water Valley' Nativity | 5 00 |
| Holly Springs, Christ Ch... | 25 00 | West Point, (Mission)..... | 10 00 |
| Iuka, Our Savior, (Mission) | 10 00 | Winona, Immanuel | 25 00 |
| Jackson, St. Andrew's..... | 100 00 | Woodville, St. Paul's..... | 20 00 |
| Lexington, St. Mary's | 20 00 | " " S. Sch. | 5 00 |
| Macon, Nativity | 40 00 | Yazoo City, Trinity | 25 00 |
| Madison Co., Ch. of Cross | 100 00 | | |

Personal.

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|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Bishop Thompson .. | 50 00 | W. S. Hamilton | 10 00 |
| Rev. Geo. C. Harris, S.T.D. | 50 00 | W. W. Moore..... | 10 00 |
| G. W. Howard..... | 25 00 | Rev. N. Logan..... | 5 00 |
| Rev. Wm. Short | 10 00 | G. A. Evans..... | 5 00 |
| Q. O. Eckford | 10 00 | C. H. Cocke..... | 5 00 |
| W. Winston..... | 10 00 | Mrs. L. M. Tucker..... | 5 00 |
| A. M. Lea | 10 00 | Cash, anonymous | 10 00 |
| W. A. Percy..... | 10 00 | " Offerings, Trinity Ch. | |
| Murray F. Smith..... | 10 00 | Natchez..... | 16 50 |

Total\$2,010 50

STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE.



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|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Clergy Canonically resident..... | 39 |
| Churches and Chapels..... | 48 |
| Rectories..... | 18 |
| Clergymen Received | 9 |
| " Transferred | 3 |
| Candidates for Holy Orders..... | 2 |
| Parishes in union with the Council..... | 45 |
| Mission Stations..... | 19 |
| Baptisms..... | 265 |
| Confirmations,..... | 212 |
| Communicants..... | 1980 |
| Marriages..... | 66 |
| Burials | 161 |
| Sunday-Schools—Teachers..... | 204 |
| Scholars..... | 1403 |
| Offerings and Contributions..... | \$39,443 00 |

THE CLERGY LIST, ACCORDING TO RANK.

Bishops.

- 1850.—The Rt. Rev. WM. MERRICK GREEN, D.D., L.L.D., Diocesan.
 1883.—" " " " ROSS MILLER THOMPSON, D.D., Assistant Bishop.
 1875.—" " " " WM. FORBES ADAMS, D.D.

Priests by Seniority of Orders.

- 1838.—The Rev. WILLARD PRESBURY.
 1842.—" " BENJAMIN HALSTED.
 —" " " JOHN FOSTER.
 1848.—" " HENRY SANBORN, D.D.
 —" " " J. T. PICKETT, D.D.
 —" " " T. R. B. THAYER.
 1860.—" " GEO. C. HARRIS, S.T.D.
 1864.—" " ARTHUR N. WHITEN.
 1867.—" " E. C. LACROIX, S.T.D.
 1867.—" " ROBT. G. HINDSALL, S.T.D.
 1870.—" " HENRY C. MAYES.
 1870.—" " ALEXANDER MAHER.
 1871.—" " JOHN GORDON.
 1871.—" " JULIUS J. CLEMENS.
 1872.—" " EMIL HANVASY, L.L.D.
 —" " " H. ROBERT TEE HUBBARD.
 1873.—" " NELSON AYERS.
 1873.—" " WILLIAM SHOOT.
 1874.—" " JOSEPH R. MARTIN.
 1875.—" " WM. C. McCracken.
 1877.—" " J. W. TURNER.
 1878.—" " EDWARD LEWIS.
 1879.—" " ISAAC N. MAHER, JR.
 1879.—" " W. W. DeHAUT, S.T.D.
 1880.—" " WM. P. BROWN.
 1881.—" " NEWELL LOGAN.
 1881.—" " R. H. NEID.
 1882.—" " WM. CROSS.
 1882.—" " G. D. BOWEN.
 1882.—" " G. W. S. AYRES.
 1883.—" " C. B. STANLEY.
 1885.—" " JES. T. HANCOCK.

Deacons.

- 1884.—Geo. L. NEID.
 1885.—J. T. HANCOCK.

OFFERINGS REQUIRED BY CANON,

to be Collected at Stated Times.

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For DOMESTIC MISSIONS, Second Sunday in April and October, to be remitted to G. W. HOWARD, Treasurer, Vicksburg.

For MAINTENANCE OF THE EPISCOPATE, First Sunday after Christmas, to be remitted to A. M. LEE, Treasurer, Vicksburg.

For the WIDOWS OF THE SOUTH, Third Sunday in Advent, to be remitted to G. W. HOWARD, Treasurer, Vicksburg.

For JEWEL MISSIONS, Good Friday, to be remitted to WM. G. DAVIES, Treasurer, 21 Bible House, N. Y.

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One collection in each year for AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY, any time in the discretion of the Rector, to be remitted to WM. H. MALE, 135 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

To DOMESTIC MISSIONS, in the discretion of the Rector, to be remitted to MR. W. BAYARD CUTTING, 22 Bible House, N. Y., Treasurer for Domestic Missions; and to MR. JAMES M. BROWN, 23 Bible House, Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

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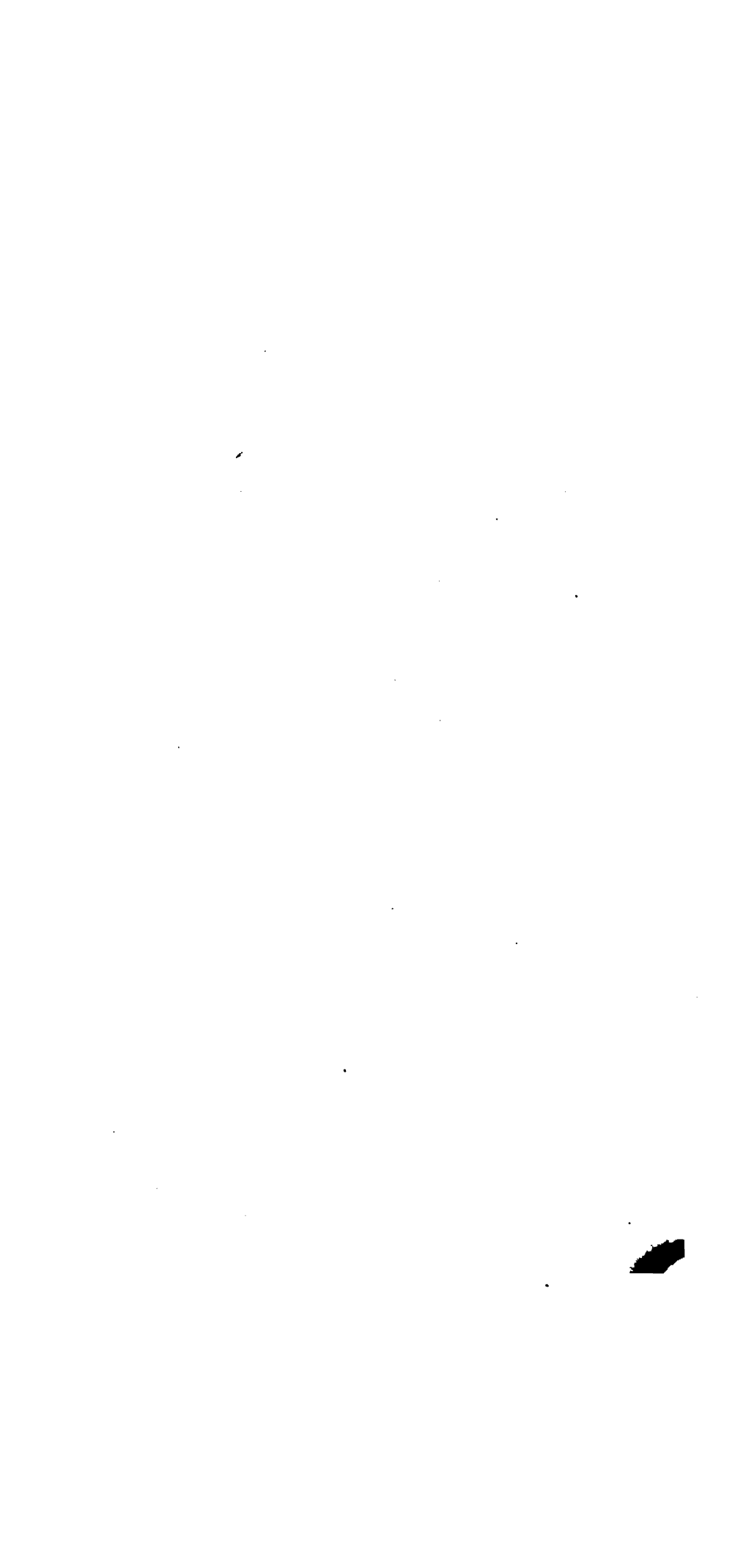
Form of a Devise or Bequest to the Trustees:

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